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## CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FOOD FUTURE

Like a forest that grows slowly but surely, in 2024 Humundi and its 63 partner organisations continued to build a living ecosystem of interactions, synergies and projects in the service of a fairer and more sustainable food future.

The year 2024 marked 60 years of commitment by Humundi, formerly SOS Faim Belgium, sixty years of initiatives in the field, of innovations carried out by men and women farmers to enable them to live in dignity and guarantee every human being sufficient, healthy and accessible food.

In October, we celebrated the living solidarity that underpins our work and creates lasting links between donors and beneficiaries. More than an anniversary, it was a tribute to a collective heritage, to a path built together, and an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to future generations. Thank you to everyone who has shown their support.

2024 was a pivotal year, marked not only by this anniversary, but also by strategic choices.

Given the scale of the current challenges, we have stepped up our cooperation with our partner organisations, including in fragile contexts such as Mali and Burkina Faso, to build more resilient food systems based on the principles of agro-ecology.

Through this report, you will discover how we are cultivating a fairer world in every corner of the globe.

In Latin America, two market-oriented food sectors are revealing the potential of local dynamics. In Africa, our long-standing partnerships are evolving with agility. In Belgium, the success of the AlimenTERRE Festival to Wallonia, which was marked by record attendance, testifies to the public's interest in food issues.

In a world where international solidarity is being put to the test, we remain faithful to an approach based on shared expertise, innovation and cooperation. Faced with the current impasse, this active solidarity remains our compass.

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We are fighting hunger, poverty and inequality around the world by supporting the agro-ecological transition to guarantee better incomes for communities and healthy, accessible and sustainable food for the whole planet.

#### **OUR MISSION**

## STRENGTHENING SUSTAI-NABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

#### **3 LEVERS FOR ACTION**



#### **Support for small-scale farming projects**

In a global context marked by geopolitical, environmental and economic crises, our action is based more than ever on collaboration with local and international partners in Africa and Latin America.

On two continents, we work with NGOs, farmers' organisations, social movements, inclusive finance institutions and research institutes to build concrete projects on the ground that deliver sustainable solutions "from field to fork". We act in solidarity, not "in place of" our partners, but "with them", making the most of their local expertise to address the specific challenges of each region and build resilience in the face of global challenges. By resilience, we mean the ability to get through crises while maintaining the essentials: producing, feeding ourselves, making a living from our work and passing on knowledge.

#### **Civic involvement**

In the face of an industrialized, globalized food system that is now reaching its limits, we call on citizens to commit to fairer, more sustainable, and more solidarity-based alternatives. Through events, campaigns, and educational tools, we raise awareness of global issues and support people in their desire to take concrete action in support of local agriculture and responsible consumption practices.



#### **Political influence**



Everywhere, the backward slide in social and environmental justice reminds us of the urgent need to act. We are relaying the voices of farmers and citizens and calling on politicians and the agro-industrial sector to place the transition to sustainable and fair food systems at the heart of public agricultural and food policies.

DEMOCRATIC AND INCLUS

GOVERNANCE

#### The foundations of Humundi

At Humundi, governance is more than just an administrative framework: it embodies our **deep commitment to transparent, autonomous and responsible management, supported by the active participation of all our stakeholders.** 

## A structured and committed organisation

Humundi is a non-profit association (a.s.b.l.) recognised as an NGO, active on three continents thanks to an international team of 61 permanent staff spread across 9 offices in Europe, Africa and Latin America. This team is complemented by a large number of volunteers who work throughout the year.

Our governance is based on a clear desire to involve our teams, to value the diversity of points of view and to guarantee harmonious and efficient operation. These principles are reflected in the freedom given to teams in their operating methods and the existence of an International Strategic Committee. This committee brings together the representatives from our country offices and ensures a balance of power when major decisions are taken.

#### **Our decision-making bodies**

A key governance body, our Board of Directors guides our strategy and oversees our activities. Composed of 6 members elected for 3-year terms, it embodies the expertise and commitment we bring to our mission.

#### Members of the Board of Directors:

- Salima KEMPENAER, Chairman
- Marc MEES, Vice-Chairman
- Laurent LENOIR, Treasurer
- Philippe BARET, Director
- Sylvie GRAFFE, Director
- Virginie PISSOORT, Director



A living example of the association's democracy, our General Meeting meets at least twice a year and brings together 31 members to make decisions, debate and develop the organisation.

#### **Members of the General Meeting:**

Philippe BARET, Frédéric CHARLES, Pauline CLAESSENS, Jeanne COLLARD SPIRLET, Freddy DESTRAIT, Amadou DIOP, Michel DUVIVIER, Christine FRISON, Jean-Pierre GOOR, Fanny GOSSET, Sylvie GRAFFE, Baudoin HAMULI KABARHUZA, Olivier HECK, Karen JANSSENS, Julie JANSSENS-BOUCQUEY, Salima KEMPENAER, Laurent LENOIR, Isabelle MARTIN, Marc MEES, Wilfredo NECOCHEA, Virginie PISSOORT, Laurence ROUDART, Erwin SCHOEPGES, Laurence SIQUET, Eric TAGUEM, Julie VANDAMME, Céline VANDERMOTTEN, Klaartje VANDERSYPEN, Lucas VAN WUNNIK, Pierre VIGNERON, and SOS Faim Luxembourg.

Our warmest thanks go to outgoing members Sergio ALVAREZ, Juliette BOUFFIOUX and Emmanuel GROSJEAN for their invaluable contribution.

#### WANT TO JOIN US?



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### 60 YEARS OF HUMUNDI A SUSTAINABLE COMMITMENT TO GROWING A FAIRER WORLD

The year 2024 marked a key moment for Humundi (formerly SOS Faim Belgium), with the celebration of our 60 years of commitment to a fairer world without hunger. During an evening organised in October 2024, as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the Alimenterre Festival, Humundi brought together all those who, over the decades, have contributed to writing the history of our organisation.

Nearly three hundred people attended this symbolic event, which combined inspirational speeches with a live performance featuring acrobatics, dance, live music and theatrical interventions. A committed artistic performance that highlighted today's challenges, while instilling hope and determination in the face of global upheaval.

#### **Immersion in community action**

The evening also featured **an interactive exhibition on 60 years of Humundi,** accessible both on site and online. **It offered a unique insight into our history by giving a voice to those who have shaped it.** Espérance, a farmer in Kongo-Central; Dieyenaba, a volunteer with a passion for writing; and Philippe, former Chairman and Board member of Humundi

Each testimonial embodies the collective commitment that has driven Humundi since its inception.

The history of SOS Faim, now Humundi, continues to be written through these voices united by the conviction that a fairer, more sustainable world without hunger is possible. « For me, Humundi is a way of lending our voice to people who don't necessarily have one at European level, and of defending their cause. I'm very proud to be able to contribute to this project. »

Dieyenaba Faye, volunteer for Supporterres magazine.



« My dream is for us to continue along this path in the future. That we support all those who, in the North as in the South, are committed to an agro-ecological transition. »

Philippe Baret, Member of the Board of Directors

#### DISCOVER AUDIO PORTRAITS



#### TO KEEP THE EARTH A **SOURCE OF LIFE:**

#### UR ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

To mark our 60th anniversary, we launched the digital campaign "So that the Earth remains the source of life", reaffirming our commitment to human rights and the preservation of the planet. It was also an opportunity to look back at key moments in our history.

Two years after our name change, this campaign has brought our community together, while strengthening our presence on social networks.

The main objective was to engage our audience, expand our community and benefit from the solidarity of our donors. We also created a dedicated website, 60ans.humundi.org, and set up partnerships with the press to amplify our message.





#### **10 SECRET RECIPES FROM AROUND THE WORLD**



In an approach that's both fun and committed, we've put together a recipe book in collaboration with Belgian Michelin-starred chef Nicolas Decloedt and our international team. From Peruvian ceviche to Senegalese thiakry, This booklet presents 10 emblematic recipes from the countries where we operate, celebrating the culinary and **cultural richness of each region.** The recipes, handed down from generation to generation, have been adapted using ingredients available in Europe, so that you can enjoy these flavours from elsewhere at home.

Much more than just a cookbook, the book also includes information about our projects, our values and our partners, providing an engaging way to raise awareness of our work. By using cooking as a universal language, we have reached a wider audience and generated commitment to our mission.



#### MAJOR SUCCESSES FOR DECADES OF COMMITMENT

#### **KAFO JIGINEW, INSTITUTION MICROFINANCE**

We supported the creation of Kafo Jiginew, which provides local financial services to more than 1.4 million people on low incomes, mainly in rural areas.

1990

1986

#### **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES OF QUINOA GROWERS**

Bolivia

Working alongside the ANAPQUI association, we have enabled 2,220 indigenous families to produce organic quinoa independently.



#### MY CHICKEN. MY HEN" CAMPAIGN

Cameroon

This initiative led to a ban on imports of frozen chicken from the European Union to **Cameroon,** protecting local production.

2004

2008

#### **AGROECOLOGY:** THE APIL NGO IS ESTABLISHING **ITSELF AS A MAJOR PLAYER**

Burkina Faso

Since the beginning of our partnership, APIL has trained more than 16,000 people in production techniques. This has created stable jobs for more than 8,000 people, 65% of them women and 35% people displaced by the security crisis.



#### INTERNATIONAL ALIMENTERRE **FILM FESTIVAL**

Belgium

For 16 years, this festival has been raising awareness of global food issues, notably through film debates. It has become a not-to-be-missed event in Belgium and West Africa, and is expanding rapidly to reach new audiences around the world.

2009

2023

#### **EXPORT BAN OF DANGEROUS PESTICIDES FROM BELGIUM**

Belgium

With the support of **8,000 signatories** and several NGOs, we have contributed to stopping exports of dangerous pesticides produced in Belgium, thereby protecting the health of those who feed us and our planet.



#### FIND OUR MORE



### TRANSPARENCY AND ETHICS,

#### **OUR FUNDAMENTAL VALUES**

## Ensuring integrity: a priority through tools and rigorous management

At Humundi, integrity is a constant commitment. In 2024, we continued our awareness-raising initiatives, developing risk analysis tools and following up dedicated training courses.

38 people, including new employees, trainees and volunteers, were trained this year. In addition, two complaints of non-compliance with our Code of Integrity were reported, dealt with and resolved during the year, in line with our commitments to transparency and confidentiality.

## Humundi is committed to transparent and ethical management of its fundraising activities

In 2024, Humundi obtained the renewal of the Ethical Fundraising label Ethische Fondsenwerving vzw (RE-EF), which certifies our commitment to ethical standards and transparency in fundraising. This label certifies that our organisation follows rigorous practices in fundraising, financial management and communication with our donors.

More than 940 new people joined our monthly donors in 2024. A huge thank you for the trust and generosity of all those who support us with a financial donation.

#### Did you know?

5 464 people support our actions every month!

I MAKE A DONATION







international NGO with a very horizontal, partnership-based approach, but it's also based in Belgium, so it's also active here. »

« For me, Humundi is about

putting people and the planet back at the centre. It's an

autonomy, solidarity and

Anaïs Messina, monthly donor

« What I appreciate about Humundi is the way the NGO manages to build long-term partnerships with organisations in the Global South, while also connecting them to issues we face here at home. »

Jean-Pierre Goor, monthly donor



## DISCOVER THESE AUDIO PORTRAITS







## QUINOA: SUSTAINABLE ALLIANCES FOR A FAIR SECTOR





In 1984, Humundi began supporting the organic quinoa sector alongside ANAPQUI (the National Association of Quinoa Producers), one of the first Andean community producer organisations that we supported in Bolivia. By supporting it at every stage of its development - marketing, technical support for organic production, then processing products for the local market - Humundi has contributed to its autonomy. Today, the organisation has 2,500 producers and is totally independent.

In Peru, our support for the quinoa and Andean grains sector (amaranth, wheat, maize, barley, etc.) began in the 2000s with the COOPAIN CABANA cooperative, and expanded in 2014 to include the Central Agro-Andine of Peru (CAAP), which brings together **7 cooperatives and 1,500 members.** Our support then shifted towards umbrella organisations — that is, organisations which bring together several groups within the same sector — in order to increase the reach of our support and better defend the interests of the sector.

In the wake of the global quinoa boom and soaring export prices, the sector has had to face up to increased competition. In response, organisations have shifted their focus to the domestic market, intensified product processing and diversified crops.

These strategies have strengthened the resilience of the sector, by developing shorter and more stable sales channels.

Thanks to these long-term partnerships, Humundi has been helping to build fairer, more autonomous and sustainable quinoa sectors in Latin America for almost 40 years.

« The NGO supported us by providing us with machinery and capital, which was crucial to our development and to becoming what we are today.

Thanks to this support, we can now send our children to school to give them a better education. »

Carlotta Neira Quispe, member of the Coopain Cabana cooperative in Peru and Humundi partner organisation.





## 30 YEARS OF COMMITTMENT TO A SUSTAINABLE COFFEE AND COCOA INDUSTRY

Humundi has been supporting coffee and cocoa producers since 1995.

In Peru, Humundi helped the La Florida cooperative get back on its feet, thanks to a guarantee that facilitated access to credit. Over the years, several cooperatives have improved their governance, organic production and marketing. In 2003, some of them co-founded **Central Café y Cacao, supported by Humundi until 2020.** A key player in the organic coffee sector in Peru, **it is now autonomous and has 11 co-operatives and almost 9,000 members, notably for Puma coffee, renowned for its quality.** At the same time, we have supported the "Junta Nacional del Café" and APPCACAO federations to promote public policies that encourage sustainable supply chains and the cooperative model.

In Bolivia, Humundi is working alongside FINCAFE to develop agroforestry systems and agricultural models that combine crops and trees on the same plot of land. These systems promote biodiversity, preserve the soil, improve crop yields and diversify the income and diet of rural families. At the end of 2024, FINCAFE was supporting **244 producers** on 60 hectares of diversified coffee.

Access to finance is a key lever in enabling small producers to make a decent living from their work. That's why Humundi has been supporting inclusive finance for 30 years through FOGAL, a guarantee fund set up in 2004 with local organisations. This fund facilitates access to finance for around thirty farmers' organisations and microfinance institutions, both in the UK and abroad as well as in Peru and Bolivia. This lever has been crucial in empowering our Andean partners (Coopain Cabana, La Florida and Centrale Café y Cacao).





« Thanks to the agroforestry approach, we have learned how we can combine several varieties of compatible trees, such as ceibo, cicilus, cedar and toco colorado with our coffee plants. »

Mauro Tejerina Quintanilla, coffee producer in Bolivia.

# KAFO JIGINEW: 40 YEARS OF COLLABORATION FOR AN INCLUSIVE & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE



« Thanks to Kafo Jiginew and the support of Humundi, I was able to finance the purchase of seeds and modernise my farm. Today, I can feed my family and I've even started to employ other villagers. This is a huge change for our community. »

Fatoumata Diarra, farmer in the Sikasso region of Mali, beneficiary of a microcredit.

Set up in 1986 in the cotton-growing area of Mali, Kafo Jiginew is a cooperative savings and loan network born out of the shared desire of several NGOs and cooperative banks, including Humundi (formerly SOS Faim Belgium), to respond to a major challenge: **offering accessible financial services to farming communities previously excluded from the traditional banking system.** 

From the outset, **Humundi has played a key role in the Kafo Jiginew structure,** helping to establish democratic and autonomous governance in Mali.

Thanks to this collective dynamic, the network has been able to strengthen its range of financial services and extend its activities beyond the cotton-growing areas. It now covers almost every region of Mali, including key rice-growing areas such as the Office du Niger.

Kafo Jiginew now offers a complete range of local financial services (savings, credit, micro-insurance, transfers) to people on modest incomes: small farmers, craftsmen, tradesmen and women. As a result, more than 1.5 million people have benefited from credit through through this cooperative, testifying to the considerable impact of the institution.

Kafo Jiginew continues to evolve in the face of challenges such as insecurity, health crises and technological transition. In 2024, a mobile application was launched, enabling its **450,000 members** to manage their accounts and carry out transactions at any time. This is also an innovative response to the constraints of mobility!

**Humundi currently supports the microfinance sector by consolidating existing structures.** Through partners such as CAECE, we facilitate access to credit for banks (food security), farmers' organisations (group sales of members' produce) and young people starting up micro-entrepreneurial businesses.

For 40 years, from setting up microfinance institutions to supporting existing structures, Humundi has remained true to its mission: to strengthen sustainable access to financial services for rural populations.

## **HUMUNDI** 2024 REPORT

## SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS FOR FOOD SAFETY



## A strategic partnership to promote food sovereignty

For over 60 years, Humundi has been forging strong links in Senegal, particularly with the *CNCR* (Conseil National de Concertation et de Coopération des Ruraux), which **plays a central role in defining agricultural policies and in dialogue between the government and rural communities.** From the outset, Humundi has supported farmers' rights and the promotion of sustainable and inclusive agricultural policies. We have adapted our support to the country's political, social and environmental developments.

In 2024, this collaboration is reaching a new level: in a post-COVID context marked by a drive for self-sufficiency, agriculture remains at the heart of national development strategies. The announcement of the first **Council d'Orientation Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral (COASP)**, planned for 2025, reflects the desire to establish "direct dialogue between the government and the farming world", with the CNCR playing a key role. The CNCR has organised consultations in all regions of the country to prepare this first COASP.

Today, Humundi continues to actively support the CNCR, alongside the Senegalese agro-ecological transition initiative, DyTAES, to integrate agro-ecology into the agricultural sector in agricultural policies: financing, land, sustainable consumption and environmental management.

Results: in 2024, the national budget allocated to agriculture increased by 20%, and the budget for organic fertilisers doubled — marking concrete progress towards an agroecological transition in Senegal.

Concrete steps towards an agroecological transition are underway in Senegal.



« We welcome the State's participation in the agro-ecological transition process, as well as the inclusion of organic fertilisers in the agricultural sector. subsidies, thanks to our work. »

Papa Assane Diop, Humundi representative in Senegal.



## **CENADEP: 18 years of impact** for family farming in Kongo Central

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where **65% of the population depends on family farming, this sector remains marginalised by public policy and deprived of investment.** The government favours food imports, undermining food security and rural communities. Supporting family farming means increasing food self-sufficiency and improving living conditions.

Since 2006, Humundi and CENADEP (Centre National d'Appui au Développement et à la Participation Populaire) have been working together in Central Kongo on: support for farmers' organisations, access to financial services via cooperatives and technical assistance in the field.

Our support for the creation of the farmers' federation FOPAKO (Force Paysanne du Kongo-Central) now gives more than 50,000 producers access to shared services and better representation in the province of Kongo Central.

Support in agroecology and processing boosts production and sales, notably through an advisory desk and a training farm, with a direct impact on food security and incomes.

More recently, a sharecropping programme has enabled **300 male and female farmers** in the Boma region to boost their business through solidarity loans for breeding animals. In exchange, each beneficiary agrees to share part of their production with another farmer. The scheme, which began three years ago with 44 male and female farmers, has expanded to cover five livestock sectors (pigs, goats, poultry, quail and fish).

Since 2006, Humundi and its local partner CENADEP have supported nearly 75,000 people.





« humundi is an esteemed partner for me and for the Congo, because it started with us, the small farmers at grassroots level, in my province and is now present at national level. »

Espérance Nzuzi, President of Fopako, Humundi's partner organisation.



« Thanks to the project, I'm selling better, I've been able to send my children to school, and I'm now training other women in their turn. It's a chain of solidarity that gives confidence and dignity. »

says Régine Kuika, breeder and president of GIE Boma Élevage.



## UMUNDI 2024 REPORT

# VIIM BAORÉ COOPERATIVE: 40 YEARS OF SUPPORTING FOOD SAFETY

In Burkina Faso, unpredictable weather conditions and the lean season - the period between two harvests - threaten the food security of rural communities every year. Having accessible food stocks is vital if they are to get through this period without difficulty.

It is against this backdrop **that, since the 1980s, Humundi has been supporting the network of food security granaries** set up by the Fédération nationale des Groupements Naam (FNGN), one of the oldest farmers' organisations in Burkina Faso, with over **6,000 groups,** mainly in the north and west of the country.

#### **From Cereal Banks to Food Security Granaries**

Among the first projects supported were cereal banks, set up to guarantee food supplies during the dry season, when farming families are short of grain. These reserves enabled crops to be stored at low prices and then resold at an affordable price.

Faced with management difficulties, these banks were restructured in 1999 to become Food Security Granaries. "Viim Baoré" - with a more solid model: elimination of credit sales, loans and support for management committees.

As a result, up to 5,000 tonnes of cereals marketed, benefiting more than 115,000 people on average every year, via 470 granaries in 70 communes and 9 regions of Burkina Faso.

#### A constantly evolving cooperative

In 2015, the programme became autonomous under the name "Coopérative VIIM Baoré". Since 2016, in the face of security instability, the organisation has been adapting: relocating stocks, digitalising and diversifying its activities, such as the agro-ecological production of cowpeas (a drought-resistant legume) and the processing of cereals into flour for school canteens.

Today, the Viim Baoré Cooperative, with long-term support from Humundi, is a symbol of resilience thanks to its ability to innovate, adapt, and the commitment of its members in an unstable security context.



« Our granary is the main source of supplies for the surrounding villages, especially in times of crisis. Despite the security threats, we have remained in Ramèssé, at the request of the communities, to guarantee them access to basic foodstuffs. This choice shows the extent to which the food security granaries is a pillar of local food security. »

Zebret Minata, President of the Ramèssé Food Security Granaries Management Committee.

# AGROECOLOGICAL FAIRS: DEVELOPING SEEDS AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE





Since 2022, Humundi has been working in Uganda to promote agro-ecological transition as a response to the challenges facing the rural population, 34% of whom live below the poverty line. Among the many initiatives supported, Humundi supports the **food and seed fairs** organised each year by our partner PELUM Uganda.

In 2024, the **14<sup>th</sup> edition** offered training courses, seed exchanges, tastings, **exhibitions of local products** and cultural events. The event highlighted indigenous foods and seeds, showcasing their role in biodiversity, local resilience and food sovereignty.

The event also encouraged **community seed banks\***, inclusive agroecological policies and alliances between farmers, scientists and politicians. Under the theme "Harvesting heritage, honoring the past and nourishing the future", **over 103 varieties of seeds and traditional dishes were presented, highlighting their nutritional, cultural and economic value.** 

« These food and seed fairs bring together farmers, consumers and industry players to promote sustainable practices. »

Stella Lutalo, coordinator of Humundi's programmes in Uganda

\* These banks make it possible to freely exchange local seeds, for autonomous and resilient agriculture, as opposed to industrial seeds, which cannot be reseeded and are dependent on pesticides.



#### ETHIOPIA

# TOWARDS A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR FOSTERING AGROECOLOGY

Since the mid-1990s, Humundi has been supporting small-scale farming in Ethiopia, a country where poverty, food insecurity and the effects of climate change are taking their toll on rural communities. In the face of these challenges, agroecology is emerging as an essential alternative. However, its development has long been held back by unfavourable policies and limited civic space.

In this context, Humundi has provided support to NGOs such as ERSHA, MELCA Ethiopia and PELUM Ethiopia, which initially focused their efforts on disseminating agro-ecological practices to local farming communities, unable to carry out real political advocacy work, which is too risky and repressed.

In recent years, more flexible legislation has made it possible to undertake collaborative advocacy actions, such as field visits and dialogues with the authorities to demonstrate the effectiveness of agroecology. A key example is the development of a national policy proposal for a sustainable food system, supported by our partners and other civil society organisations. This initiative brought together experts and representatives from the Ministries of Agriculture and Health, the Agricultural Research Institute and even members of parliament.

This breakthrough illustrates the growing power of Ethiopian civil society in influencing public policy in favour of the agro-ecological transition, as well as our partners' ability to adapt strategically.





« It is becoming increasingly urgent to act, to avoid food shortages, to develop a sustainable agricultural system and achieve real food sovereignty in Ethiopia. »

Sorsa Debela, coordinator of Humundi's programmes in Ethiopia



## **IUMUNDI** 2024 REPORT

## EMPOWER SMALL-SCALE FARMERS VOICES



## On june 9th, let's stop an agricultural system from heading for disaster.

In a context marked by the agricultural mobilisations of 2024, Humundi has launched a strategic campaign to the run-up to the elections, with a clear objective: to make agricultural and food issues a decisive voting criterion.

Why should this be? Because individual efforts, while necessary, are not enough to transform our food systems in the long term. A structured political commitment is essential, and the elections represent an opportunity to do just that key to influencing agriculture and food, both in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

The campaign highlighted key priorities: supporting agroecology, regulating international trade, stopping the export of pesticides banned in Europe and supporting farmers in the face of climate change.

Launched on social networks, the campaign has raised awareness among more than 330,000 people, enabled a detailed analysis of political programmes and opened dialogue with several political representatives. This work marks a first step, and a follow-up at Belgian and European level is now underway to keep up the pressure and encourage more sustainable and equitable public food policies.



## West Africa: a step towards food sovereignty

In November 2024, Humundi co-organised the **International Forum on Sustainable Food Systems (FISAD)** in Burkina Faso, which brought together politicians, civil society organisations, scientists and economic players to discuss food sovereignty in West Africa.

The final declaration highlighted key recommendations: strengthening local actions and agro-ecological policies, promoting organic inputs and adopting a decolonial vision of agricultural development. The forum laid the foundations for concrete regional alliances and for the development of local initiatives.

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« This forum plays a strategic role in monitoring and lobbying to speed up the implementation of commitments made by governments in terms of sustainable food systems.»

Adama Gnanou, Advocacy Officer - West Africa at Humundi.

## Bolivia and the agro-ecological challenge: a growing movement

In Bolivia, despite laws protecting natural resources, agriculture remains dominated by agribusiness. Recent fires, often linked to the clearing of land by fire, underline the urgent need to promote sustainable alternatives.

In 2024, the Bolivian Agroecological Movement (MAB), which brings together more than 60 organisations, played a key role in the political dialogue. It co-wrote an ambitious roadmap for agroecology and helped to draw up the country's national development strategy.

Several of Humundi's partners, including AGRECOL, IPDRS and FUNDAA.SUR, are active within MAB, with a common objective: to make agroecology a central lever for territorial development in Bolivia.



## OUR AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES

#### Revolt or vegetable garden? A new way to take action

Faced with an industrial food system in crisis, the question is: "What can we do? In 2024, Humundi is offering some practical ideas, with its new "Revolt or vegetable garden? How to fight for fair and sustainable food".

Through 3 video clips and 44 illustrated cards, participants explore **different levers for action: consumer choices, mobilisation, collective projects, etc.** This immersive educational experience is punctuated by lively debate and collective reflection

The event is part of the CNCD-11.11.11's new educational pack on food sovereignty, and comes with a notebook to help you get to grips with it. A **dedicated online page offers practical ideas for getting involved.** 

#### JAGROS 2024 Day: Cyril Dion's call for change

On 13 March 2024, the 8<sup>th</sup>JAGROS Day brought together **480 students from Wallonia's six agronomy colleges** in Gembloux.

**Cyril Dion,** director of the films Demain and Animal, **took** part in a debate with the student audience, highlighting the urgent need for far-reaching change.

**He passed on this message:** "Farming is an extraordinary, difficult profession, but one that allows you to have a considerable impact. So useful, essential, indispensable: we need new farmers to reinvent everything".

Co-organised with Eclosio and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières, the aim of the day was to raise awareness among future agronomists of the major challenges facing agriculture in the future. Twelve themed workshops explored a range of subjects in greater depth.

These include access to land, the impact of globalisation on agricultural trade, remuneration for producers, sustainable livestock farming and agro-ecology.



FIND OUT MORE





## Facing up to crises, a committed voice

Against a backdrop of strong agricultural protests in Europe and elsewhere in the world, geopolitical tensions and the questioning of funding for cooperation between the European Union and its Member States internationally, Humundi spoke out in the Frenchlanguage general press (La Libre, Le Soir, Le Vif) in **six "cartes blanches"** published throughout 2024.

With our allies, we have defended sustainable food systems and, above all, relayed the voices of players in Africa and Latin America, highlighting the impact of European policies on their agriculture and the need to take account of their realities in the face of global challenges.

The CAP, the EU-Mercosur treaty, the Sahel crisis, funding for cooperation: these are all issues on which we are taking action to advance food, social and climate justice.



## Podcast: Kinshasa calls... what's happening in Brussels?

For a number of years now, Humundi has been producing podcasts that have become genuine forums for dialogue around farmers' concerns.

Following the mobilisations in 2024, many Congolese asked us: "What's happening in Brussels? Are our demands the same? To answer this question, we set up a dialogue between advocacy officers Simplex Malembe (CONAPAC RDC) and Jonas Jaccard (Humundi Belgium).

This podcast explores the similarities and differences between the farming contexts in the DRC, Belgium and Europe: demands, perceptions of trade agreements, forms of commitment, etc. Listened to in Belgium as in the DRC, this podcast left its mark on 2024 through the richness of the exchanges on common issues.





## Journals to help you understand and take action on agri-food issues

In 2024, our **annual magazine Défis Sud** explored peasant technological sovereignty and international solidarity. To mark the 60th anniversary of Belgian NGOs, a special dossier highlighted the key role of solidarity in resolving global challenges.

In our **Phosphore** publication, **in partnership with Autre Terre and Iles de Paix**, we looked at the adaptation of small-scale farming to the climate, highlighting its potential and the urgent need to finance its transformation.

From 2020 to 2023, Humundi and the Burkinabe organisation Afrique Verte supported the maize, cassava and groundnut sectors in Burkina Faso. Our latest issue of **Dynamiques Paysannes** explores how the agreements between the players in these sectors have had a major impact on improving their working and living conditions.







## **OUR EVENTS**

## AlimenTERRE 2024: a festival that raises awareness

In October 2024, the 16th edition of the AlimenTERRE international festival brought together a large audience around films, solidarity, humour and poetry, to rekindle the desire to act together. The event opened from 4 to 19 October at the Vendôme cinema and the Talk C.E.C (Brussels), before spreading throughout Wallonia and Brussels, with 91 screenings held in various locations: cinemas, farms, cultural centers, universities, clustered housing, as close as possible to the public. A short film competition offered a cross-perspective between a citizens' jury and an international jury composed of students from Belgium and the DRC.

In addition to cinema, **other artistic forms (graphic novels, street art, stand-up comedy)** have enriched the programme to question local authorities in the run-up to the local elections. AlimenTERRE has created an inspiring platform for exploring issues relating to the earth, living things and people, while highlighting concrete solutions for a sustainable future.

The festival also travelled to 17 countries in Europe, Africa and Latin America. **In the DRC, the 8<sup>th</sup> edition** strengthened its role as a platform for advocacy and awareness-raising in favor of agroecology, **reaching over 8,469 people across 9 provinces** thanks to a traveling caravan and the collaboration of 23 local partners.

## Alimenterre estival international de films

91 (66 SCREENINGS, 25 OFFSCREEN ACTIVITIES)

**3703** FESTIVAL-GOERS (+48% ON 2023)

MORE THAN 100 PARTNERS

**110** GUESTS AND GUESTS

These figures refer only to the edition in Belgium.



#### FIND OUT ABOUT OUR NEXT EDITION





## Humundi Race: a successful 8<sup>th</sup> edition under the banner of sport and solidarity



On 29 June 2024, the Humundi Race once again brought together fans of sport and solidarity in Bouillon. On the programme: walking or trail running, kayaking and death-ride in the heart of the Ardennes forest.

In a warm and friendly atmosphere, the teams and volunteers raised €100,974 to fund Humundi's projects. The day ended with the teams celebrating, as they all crossed the finish line with smiles on their faces.

A huge thank you to everyone who was present, volunteers and companies involved, for your energy and generosity!





### **2024 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - IN €**

The result for the year was positive and up compared to the previous year. These figures show an increase in expenditure on programmes, in line with the subsidies received in 2024.

REVENUE	2023	2024	EVOLUTION
Donors	981 558	1 014 026	3%
Heritage	548 227	390 240	-29%
Companies	117 062	86 358	-26%
NGOs & Foundations	390 933	492 885	26%
Wallonie-Bruxelles International	138 587	76 039	-45%
Walloon Region	47 348	30 189	-36%
Brussels-Capital Region	28 914	71 032	146%
Belgian Cooperation - DGD	5 867 936	6 891 300	17%
Enabel (Belgian Development Agency)	263 129	34 115	-87%
Other subsidies	62 889	184 630	194%
Maribel	18 699	25 440	36%
Miscellaneous products	402 806	154 125	-62%
Financial income	18 864	32 759	74%
TOTAL RECEIPTS	8 886 951	9 483 137	7%
EXPENSES	2023	2024	EVOLUTION
Fundraising	429 564	436 304	2%
Expenditure on Africa and Latin America programmes	5 562 485	6 136 373	10%
Programme expenditure in Belgium	368 758	308 632	-16%
Operating expenses and depreciation	255 360	293 990	15%
Staff (including programme and fundraising staff costs)	2 039 546	2 089 453	2%
Financial expenses	139 591	25 806	-82%
TOTAL EXPENSES	8 795 305	9 290 558	6%
RESULT	91 647	192 579	

Humundi's accounts, drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Associations Code, are as follows:

- audited and certified by 2C&B;
- · approved by the association's General Meeting;
- · deposited with the National Bank of Belgium.

### **2024 RESULTS - IN €**

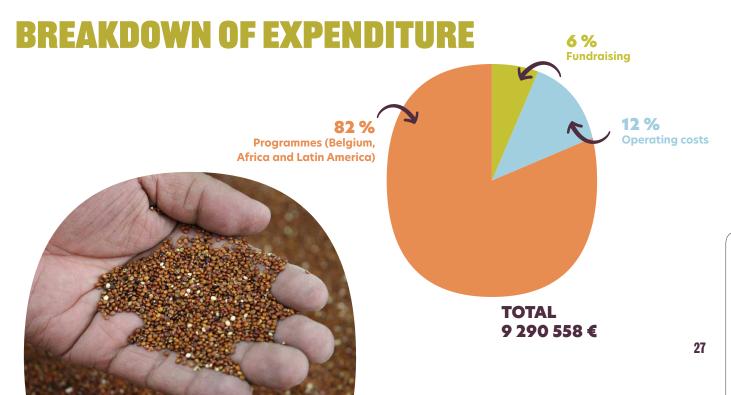
The balance sheet total was  $\leq$ 5,124,184 $\leq$  at 31 December 2024. Assets consist mainly of cash ( $\leq$ 1,777,850) and receivables ( $\leq$ 1,745,204). Liabilities mainly comprise the Social Fund ( $\leq$ 2,487,205) and accruals and deferred income ( $\leq$ 1,673,211). The increase of  $\leq$ 1,007,258 $\leq$  in the balance sheet compared with the previous financial year is mainly due to more projects in progress at the end of 2024 and greater pre-financing of our programme.

#### **ASSETS**

	2023	2024
Fixed assets	178 432	284 351
Receivables	931 497	1 745 204
Cash investments	421 720	403 612
Available values	2 519 110	1 777 850
Accruals and deferred income	66 168	913 166
TOTAL ASSETS	4 116 926	5 124 184

#### **LIABILITIES**

	2023	2024
Social Fund	2 294 626	2 487 205
Provisions	56 757	47 937
Debts	801 809	915 830
Regulatory accounts	963 733	1 673 211
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4 116 926	5 124 184



## COUNTRIES OF ACTION AND PARTNERS





#### CONVEAGRO

National forum of Peruvian agriculture

#### CAAP

Andean Agricultural Producers' Cooperative

#### **CONSORCIO AGROECOLOGICO**

Peru's Ecological Agriculture Network (RAE)

#### COOPECAN

Production and producer services cooperative of Andean camelids



#### **CIDERURAL**

Savings and credit cooperative centre for integration and rural development

#### **FOGAL**

Guarantee funds in Latin America



#### **ARARIWA**

#### **AGROSALUD**

#### **REDES**

Challenges for sustainable development



#### **RED OEPAIC**

Network of Economic Organisations of Artisan Producers with a Cultural Identity

#### FINCAFE

Coffee Financial Services



#### **CIUDADANIA**

#### AGRECOL

Agrecol Andes Foundation

#### FUNDDA.SUR

Fund for the Unity and Development of the Andes and Amazon in the South Association involved in knowledge production and local development

#### **IPDRS**

Institute for Rural Development in South America

#### **PBFCC**

Bolivian platform on climate change

#### **PRO-RURAL**

**Bolivian Civil Association** for Rural Development

#### SENEGAL



#### CNCR

National Council for Rural Dialogue and Cooperation

#### **EGAB**

Association of Groups for Grassroots Development

#### **FAPAL**

Federation of Farmers' Associations of Louga

#### **FONGS - Action paysanne**

Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations of Senegal

Yaakar Nialni Wouly Federation

#### **UJAK**

Union of Young Farmers of Koyli wirnde

#### ANPDI

National Association for Integrated Development

#### CICODEV

Pan-African Institute for Research, Training and Action on Citizenship, Consumption and Development in Africa

THE AGRICULTURAL BANK



**Rural finance** institutions



Farmers' organisations



NGOs/networks



New



#### Raising awareness

Veterinarians Without Borders Media Animation

#### **Advocacy**

Coalition Against Hunger **Climate Coalition** Our World Is Not for Sale

#### **Mobilisation**

ReSAP (Farming Support Network)

## ETHIOPIA



#### **BUUSAA GONOFAA IMF**

#### LIYU MICROFINANCE (SFPI)

#### **WASASA IMF**



#### **ERSHA**

Enhanced Rural self Help Association

#### **MELCA ETHIOPIA**

Movement for ecological learning and community action

#### PELUM-Ethiopia

Participatory Ecological land
Use Management

#### WISE

Organization for Women in Self Employment

#### DRC



#### CONAPAC

National Confederation of Agricultural Producers of Congo

#### **FOPAKO**

Force Paysanne du Kongo-Central

#### **APROFEL**

Association for the promotion of women in Lukula

#### Caritas Développement Kinshasa



#### CENADEP

National Support Centre for Development and Popular Participation

#### **CAVTK - CPK**

Kinshasa Plant Clinic



#### **SM GUILGAL**

Microfinance institution

#### **BURKINA FASO**



#### APFD+

Association for the Promotion of the Women of Dassoui/Nomtondo

#### AWFK +

WendYam Association of Kouritenga Women

#### **COOPERATIVE VIIM BAORE**

Attic network food safety

#### CDE

Enhanced Rural self Help Association

#### FENOP

National Federation of Farmers' Organisations

#### FNGN

National Federation of Naam Groups

#### **ROPPA**

Network of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa

#### **USCCPA**

Union of Cooperative Marketing Companies of Agricultural Products



#### APIL

Association for the Promotion of Local Initiatives

#### AFD

Training - Development - Rurality Association





#### **CAECE - Jigisèmè**

Network of Savings and Credit Institutions for Entrepreneurs and Traders (MFIs)



#### CNOP

National Coordination of Farmers' Organisations in Mali

#### **PNPR**

National Platform of Rice Producers of Mali

#### USCPCD

Union of Cooperative Societies of Cereal Producers of Diédougou

#### YÈRÈNYÈTON

Union of cereal producers in the Baroueli circle



#### AMSD

Malian Association for Solidarity and Development

#### CRU

Regional Commission of Users of Research Results

#### CAEB

Advice and Support for Basic Education







#### **AFSA**

Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

#### **PELUM-Uganda**

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management

#### **ESAFF-Uganda**

Eastern & Southern Africa Small Scale Farmers' Forum

#### **KRC UGANDA**

Kabarole Research Centre

#### **WOUGNET**

Women of Uganda Network

## **KEY FIGURES**



150754

**RURAL HOUSEHOLDS BENEFITING FROM DIRECT SUPPORT** 

from Humundi and its partners, including 67,833 women.

1449936\*

**RURAL HOUSEHOLDS BENEFITING FROM INDIRECT SUPPORT** 

whose organisations have received institutional support from Humundi.

\*Apart from these targeted households, advocacy actions benefit the entire rural population of their country.

These funds support their actions and projects.

> COUNTRY **ACTION**

Humundi is active in 6 African countries, 2 Latin American countries and Belgium.

61

**PERSONS EMPLOYED** 

**45% FEMALES** 

People involved in supporting the programs, as well as in awareness-raising activities, advocacy, communication, administration, and financial services.

**75549** 

**PEOPLE ENGAGED** IN BELGIUM

People engaged in Belgium through our awarenessraising activities.

OFFICES IN AFRICA, **LATIN AMERICA AND BELGIUM** 

Humundi has 7 offices that work very closely with its partners: Brussels (Belgium), Thiès (Senegal), Bamako (Mali) and Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), Lima (Peru) and Cochabamba (Bolivia).

**15 000 RECEIPIENTS OF OUR PUBLICATIONS** 

These recipients keep up to date with our activities through our print and electronic publications.



VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers enable Humundi to step up its information and awareness campaigns in Belgium.

133 MEDIA RELAYS (88 ON THE WEB, 28 IN THE WRITTEN PRESS, INCLUDING 6 GUEST EDITORIALS, 10 ON RADIO AND 7 ON TELEVISION)

7539

DONORS (INCLUDING 5,464 MONTHLY DONORS AND 940 NEW DONORS)

Essential support for the smooth running of Humundi's activities.

63
PARTNERS

Humundi works with a worldwide network of 63 partners: farmers' organisations, NGOs, inclusive finance institutions.

1100383€

IN DONATIONS AND CORPORATE SUPPORT IN 2024 (+35% IN ONLINE DONATIONS COMPARED TO 2023, AMOUNTING TO 20,500€ IN DIGITAL DONATIONS)

Each financial contribution made to Humundi is multiplied by 5 thanks to the co-financing system of the DGD (Belgian Development Cooperation).

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