

# Entrepreneurs for common good

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## Groupe SOS

### A major non-profit group for social cohesion and entrepreneurship worldwide

Groupe SOS, founded in 1984 during the AIDS crisis, is a **major non-profit force of social cohesion, both in France and worldwide.**

Groupe SOS is mainly active in the fields of **solidarity, youth, health and senior citizens**, managing facilities for marginalised people, as well as day-care centres, hospitals and nursing homes open to all, guided by the belief that these sectors should not be profit-driven.

Groupe SOS is aware that exclusion takes many forms and is therefore also active in the areas of **ecological transition, regional exclusion, sustainable businesses and culture for all.**

By addressing a wide range of issues and providing support for all kinds of people, especially the most vulnerable, **Groupe SOS stands out for its resilience, its boldness and ability to innovate.** At present, it has no match among non-profit organisations in terms of size, scope, and range of operations.

**2 million**  
beneficiaries

**22,000**  
employees

**850**  
social and medico-social facilities, associations, and social enterprises



## For the most vulnerable

### Providing complementary offers to public hospitals.

Our associative hospitals are present in areas sometimes threatened by medical desertification. 19 facilities and services, including 11 hospitals, ensure the management of pathologies through a multidisciplinary and innovative approach, tailored to the needs of each territory.

### Welcoming all seniors, regardless of their life paths and incomes.

More than 110 facilities and services, including 70 nursing homes, offer accessible support to all. Groupe SOS' activities for seniors have been recognized as being of public interest.

### Supporting children and adults with disabilities towards maximum autonomy.

3,700 children and adults with disabilities are supported by professionals who strive to promote their daily well-being.

### Acting for homeless people.

Groupe SOS works for the homeless through emergency shelters and housing with social support. We also offer support for homeless people with chronic or disabling conditions.

### Supporting exiled people.

With 8,300 accommodation places and around 40 services for exiled people, during their asylum procedures or after obtaining it, Groupe SOS acts to promote their integration, supporting them towards housing, employment, access to rights, and health, especially mental health.

### Ensuring enhanced follow-up for people under judicial authority.

13 facilities and services participate in supporting 1,500 people, particularly perpetrators of domestic violence and those apprehended or convicted for terrorism.

### Supporting people suffering from addictions.

Without judgment, 50 facilities and services strive to provide the best response to each person's issue.

### Promoting access to health for minoritized groups.

LGBTQI+ people, sex workers and victims of human trafficking, exiled people... Groupe SOS supports those who often combine vulnerabilities and stigmatizations.

### Welcoming women in exclusion situations.

Support and accommodation solutions are offered to women exposed to violence, precariousness, and distance from employment.

### Removing barriers to employment and promoting professional inclusion.

More than 3,000 people are currently in professional reintegration at Groupe SOS, in over 15 professions.

## For regions

### Revitalizing rural areas, priority neighbourhoods, and deserted city centres.

The 1000 cafés program opens, supports, and maintains cafés in villages to help revitalise rural areas.

Auxilia and Geolink Expansion, consulting firms, support territories towards sustainable, resilient, and desirable development.

Wimoov offers solutions to ensure that mobility is no longer a barrier to professional and social integration, developing mobility platforms across all territories.

### Preserving natural heritage.

*Brigades Nature* train people who are far from employment in green jobs and offer landscaping and maintenance services for green and natural spaces. Wings of the Ocean is a leading association engaged in ocean protection, striving to combat wild waste, particularly plastic. 1,500 hectares of natural spaces are protected in the *Marais du Vigueirat*, in Camargue - south of France.

### Safeguarding iconic heritage sites and deploying innovative cultural venues.

Groupe SOS has enabled the opening and preservation of places combining heritage, innovation, and social impact: *La Citadelle* in Marseille and *H7; Creatis*, a residence for media and culture entrepreneurs; *Commune Image*, an inclusive film production facility that helps sustain independent cinema... *Acta Vista* works on the reintegration of people who are from employment by training them in heritage restoration. On a broader scale, Groupe SOS promotes access to creation, artistic practice and works of art for the people who are most distant from the cultural scene, including the beneficiaries of Groupe SOS facilities.

### Promoting «better eating for all» and food solidarity.

With *Fermes d'Avenir* and *BlueBees*, which accelerate agricultural transition; with the *Manufacture des Légumes* (Vegetable Manufacture), which processes products through short circuits; with *Les Insatiables*, which promotes healthy and enjoyable food for all; and alongside *Andès*, which facilitates access to fresh, quality products at lower costs, while offering social support.

### Defending human rights, the environment, and working for a more inclusive and sustainable economy worldwide.

Working in collaboration with local public and private actors, our NGOs act for health and education improvement (*Santé Sud, Play International*), the environment (*Planète Urgence*), and employment (*PPI, PULSE, Ateliere Fara Frontiere*), mainly in developing countries.

## For future generations

### Promoting inclusion from the very first steps.

3,800 children are welcomed in Crescendo's associative nurseries, which contribute to each child's development by respecting their uniqueness. The inclusion of children with disabilities and respect for social diversity are two priorities for the teams.

### Supporting children, teenagers, and young adults in difficulty or danger.

It is essential to allow everyone, regardless of their difficulties, to find their place in our society. Our professionals offer accommodation or open environment support to more than 23,000 young people, providing responses tailored to the journeys and needs of young people and their families.

### Supporting young people without employment or training.

Groupe SOS offers re-mobilization programs for young dropouts. Our Apprentice Training Center (CFA) offers pathways for care and social professions.

### Awakening the critical thinking of new generations and their ability to form an opinion.

More than 5,000 critical media education workshops, mainly for disadvantaged young people, are provided by *Respect EMI* - media education within schools or socio-educational centres.



### Providing concrete solutions for vulnerable young people.

With mentoring alongside Parrains Par Mille, through sport as a tool to fight exclusion with Play International and Point Sud, and through social tourism by Adeppa, Groupe SOS always prioritizes education and mentoring.

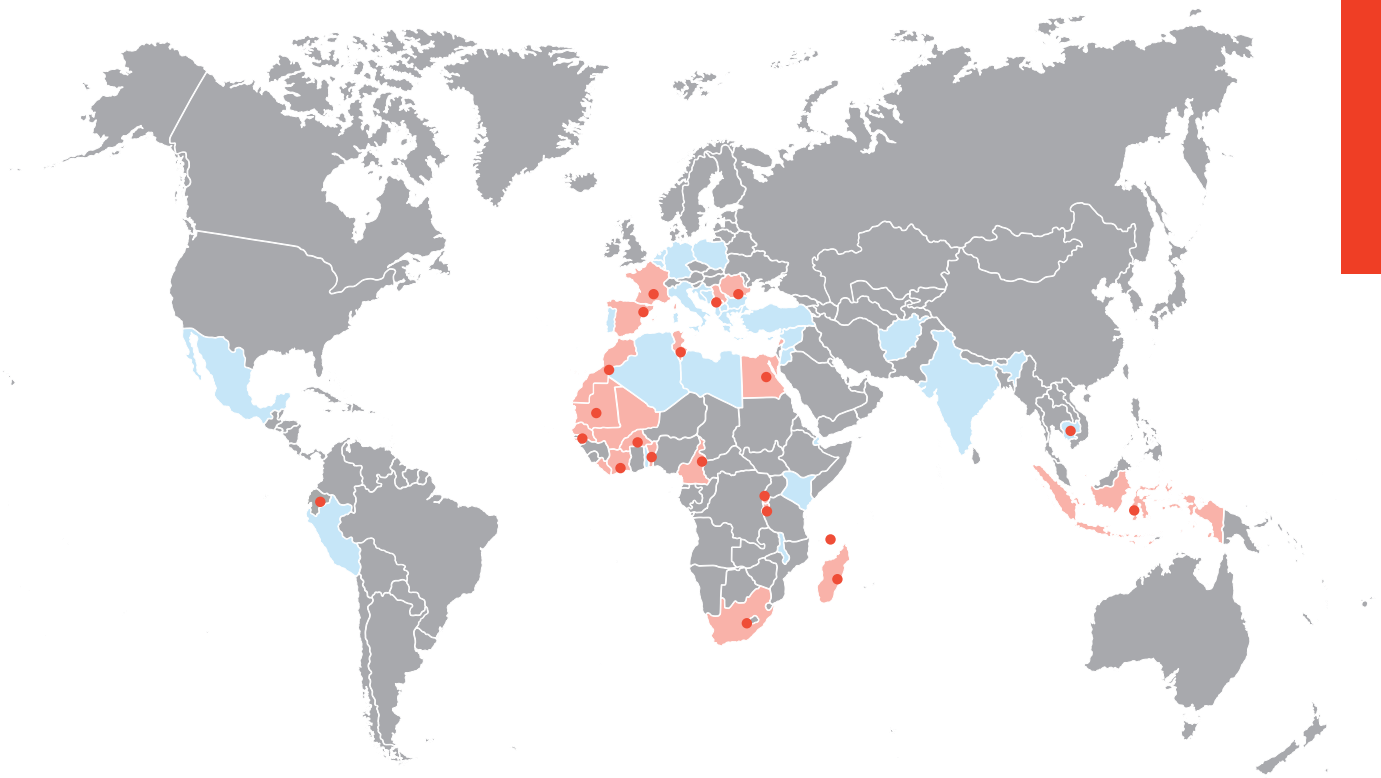
### Advising companies in anticipating the future.

*Groupe SOS Consulting* collaborates with companies that wish to integrate social and environmental issues into their strategy. *Impact Tank* brings together experts to consider the measurement of social innovations' impact. *Impact Campus* develops skills for a changing world.

### Promoting tomorrow's consumption modes.

Our 12 Altermundi stores offer eco-responsible products, favour rigorously chosen raw materials, thus encouraging new sustainable consumption modes.





**Direct intervention :**

- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Cameroun
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Egypt
- France
- Indonesia
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- Liberia
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- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Romania
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Serbia
- South Africa
- Spain
- Tunisia

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- Mali
- Morocco
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- Serbia
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- Spain
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