

Les Amis des Enfants du Monde

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The relief agency « les Amis des enfants du Monde » was created in accordance with the law of 1901, without any profit motive or political or religious motivation. It was created in 1976 and was acknowledged to be of public utility in 1992.

The **action of the AEM** consists in financially backing local projects on behalf of children in 14 countries (°). The projects are initiated and managed by partners in the home countries with whom a relationship is established and strengthened over time.

The AEM provides financial resources for development programs that are mainly focused on education (such as kindergartens, schools, welcoming centers, nutrition centers, social assistance), enabling children to become responsible and autonomous adults and to find their position in the society of their birth country.

Each AEM intervention responds to a need of the indigenous people, with respect to their culture and in accordance with a convention for a negotiated partnership.

Some children whose future is uncertain in their birth country will find emotional and material security within an adoptive family in France.

The running of the AEM is based on voluntary service and solidarity. 350 active volunteers and hundreds of supporters bring vitality to the association and 3 employees deal with the administration and accountancy aspects.

The AEM guarantees their sponsors full transparency about the use of funds. In 2009, about 850,000 EUR were transferred to our partner countries. Funding for the association comes from private donors, sponsors, corporate patronages and benefits from events that are organized by volunteers all over France.

Regularly, AEM teams assess all the funded projects during annual audits and follow-up missions.

Each day, direct or indirect assistance by the AEM is given to thousands of children in their birth country. A hundred of them are adopted each year in France via the AEM.

(°) As of 2010, the AEM is present in the fourteen following countries :

- Africa : Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Senegal
- Asia : Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Lebanon, Philippines, Vietnam
- America : Brazil, Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras

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