

Helping the most vulnerable children through the unifying power of music

For over twenty years, Swiss association Le Don du Chœur has been breathing melodies of hope and solidarity into the lives of disadvantaged children around the world. Founded in 2003, the organization develops innovative projects centered on education and the planning of concerts to bring significant change to the most vulnerable communities.

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Founded in 2003, Swiss non-profit organization Le Don du Chœur works to improve the daily lives of schoolchildren around the world. How? Through the unifying and universal power of music.

For 20 years, the association has organized concerts in Switzerland, with full proceeds going to fund school and environmental projects around the globe, from Cambodia to Mexico and Russia. Nearly 2,800 young choristers have been involved since the Don du Chœur was founded, teaching the most advantaged children a sense of solidarity and sharing.

Today, the association can count on nearly 100 members. Its eight people team works with a variety of partners. In Switzerland, private schoolchildren make up the choir

at concerts. External partners include the city of Geneva and Swiss company Migros' "Pour-cent culture" program.

Education as a priority

Education, seen as a fundamental key to combating child poverty and exploitation, lies at the heart of Le Don du Chœur association's mission. Each project, meticulously defined after an in-depth assessment of its feasibility in the field, aims to offer children the possibility of a better future.

In concrete terms, the association finances the delivery of school equipment, builds schools, pays the music tuition fees of pupils in need, or



works to improve access to clean water for local populations.

Each project is developed in close collaboration with the community concerned and local partners. Subsequent concerts in Switzerland raise the funds needed to bring the various initiatives to fruition.

Responding to climate threats

In the remote rural village of Ta Pen in Cambodia, for example, the association took on the challenge of building a primary and secondary school, providing quality education every year to over 600 children who would otherwise have been deprived of any opportunity to learn. The school, now the pride of the village, has exceeded its initial objectives, with winners in reading contests, medals in sports competitions and pupils actively involved in cultural and educational activities.

Education is not the only aspect that motivates Le Don du Chœur: the challenges of climate change in some of the world's most exposed regions are also taken into account.

This is the case in southern Madagascar, where climate risks threaten the lives of millions of people, and where Le Don du Chœur has extended its influence to help. From planting food crops to opening wells, the association is committed to creating a lasting impact by providing not only education, but also a more stable environment conducive to growth.

The universal power of music

In the slums of Oaxaca, Mexico, Le Don du Chœur helped build the Santa Cecilia music school, offering an inspiring alternative to violence and drugs. Music, which has become a driving force for social cohesion and education, has opened up opportunities for young people, guiding them towards playing an instrument or pursuing higher studies in music.

In Kenya, the association built St. Luke's School, the first specialized school in the district to accommodate disabled children. Since the first work was carried out in 2013, the school now accommodates 80 children with disabilities. Alongside this project, the association has provided the local population with access to five clean water points.

Comprehensive projects support

Every success Don du Chœur's success bears witness to its unique model of philanthropy. Not only does the association initiate projects, it also undertakes to monitor them, adapting them to changing needs, and supporting them until they become sustainable. Partnerships with local organizations, respect for cultures and traditions, and the active involvement of communities in projects are the pillars that distinguish Le Don du Chœur from other charities.

While Le Don du Chœur celebrates its past successes, the association remains resolutely focused on the future. Charity concerts continue to generate vital income, fueling new projects and strengthening those already in place. Education, access to drinking water, sustainable development and community resilience will remain at the heart of its actions.

A few figures on Le Don du Chœur

- 3,500 children have attended school in 20 years thanks to the association's actions
- 5 schools have been built
- 7 concerts have been organized
- 2,800 young choristers have been involved
- 916 pupils worldwide helped by the association in 2022
- 100% of donations go to projects

