

# Project supported by the development fund of “Rencontres au bout du monde”

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# PREAMBLE

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From now on, the most necessary solidarity is that of all the inhabitants of the Earth.

Albert JACQUART

*Labeled «Guarantee fair and solidarity tourism»*

*« Rencontres au bout du monde » is a founding member of ATEs, (Association for Equitable and Solidarity Tourism), and obtained the « FAIR TOURISM » LABEL based on demanding and verifiable criteria.*

*This label certifies that Rencontres au bout du monde applies as closely as possible the principles of fair trade and international solidarity in all its activities, from the organization of trips to the solidarity support of projects from local initiatives.*

*Rencontres au bout du monde is not an organization specialized in international development and cooperation.*

*In order to ensure its relevance, the association undertakes to respect, for its participation in support projects of local populations, the eligibility criteria as well as the actions defined below.*



# A - Conditions/Criteria to respect the support of a project by Rencontres au bout du monde

## 1 • EMERGENCE OF PROJECTS

### Geographical scope of the project :

The project must be located as close as possible to the places visited by RBM travelers and primarily in the villages where they stay.

### Local Engagement :

To receive support from Rencontres au bout du monde, the project must emerge from a local initiative. The involvement of the people is a primordial condition. It can be financial, material and/or human (ex : participation in the work).

However, local organizations could replace the populations in order to present projects. It is imperative that these organisations demonstrate their mastery and general knowledge of the field, the field of application and their own acceptance by the local population.

## 2 • PROJECT VALIDATION

Projects supported by Rencontres au bout du monde must preserve the environment, benefit the common interest, and fall within the scope of action described in the appendix.

The assistance provided by Rencontres au bout du monde must not be a substitute for funding under the powers of states, local authorities or humanitarian aid,

Before validation, the project leader must provide the assurance that there is no double financing of the latter; the member (or members) of Rencontres au bout du monde responsible for monitoring the project must, as far as possible, verify this beforehand,

It should be noted that Rencontres au bout du monde only supports the implementation of the project to the exclusion of operating, maintenance, or sustainability costs.

In order to be validated, any project must be presented at Rencontres au bout du monde, specifying the following elements at best:

- Objective of the project
- People, entities involved
- Description
- Positioning of the project in relation to the emergence criteria
- Detailed budget
- Convention
- Details on the sustainability of the project after investment: maintenance, estimated operating budget, maintenance modality, financing of the operation

The project is studied by the Country Group on the basis of the criteria described in this document and validated by the Group within the limit of 1000 euros. Beyond this amount, the project must be submitted to the Board of Directors of Rencontres au bout du monde for approval.

When the Country Group has only one member, it must, regardless of the amount, submit the project to the AC for approval.

## **B - Actions of Rencontres au bout du monde**

### **1 • THE ENGAGEMENTS OF RENCONTRES AU BOUT DU MONDE**

**a)** Rencontres au bout du monde undertakes to identify existing local organisations (local authorities, NGOs, associations, etc.). She informs them of her actions and her willingness to work in partnership with them.

**b)** Every project is built with respect for people and their natural, social and cultural environment. Rencontres au bout du monde must be careful not to replace the actions developed by local organisations.

**c)** Rencontres au bout du monde ensures a fair distribution of projects between villages or communities in the same region.

**d)** Rencontres au bout du monde can draw on the expertise of associations resident in France and involved locally. It is up to the AC to assess the relevance of such a partnership according to the profile of these associations.

**e)** Rencontres au bout du monde educates and informs travelers about his projects and, as such, trains his facilitators and coaches.

**f)** In the absence of a local project over a period of more than 5 years, Rencontres au bout du monde may return all or part of the unused funds to its development fund

### **2 • MONITORING OF PROJECTS BY RENCONTRES AU BOUT DU MONDE**

Rencontres au bout du monde ensures the follow-up of projects by any person mandated by the AC or the Country Group when the latter is the decision-maker.

Rencontres au bout du monde ensures the ownership and sustainability of projects by local actors.

Support by Rencontres au bout du monde to an organisation is conditional, for grants of more than 300 euros, on the signing of a partnership agreement specifying the conditions for the effective participation of the local population in the life of the project.

### **3 • REMITTANCE AND TRANSPARENCY**

For direct support to the population, the funds must be distributed to the representatives (elected or designated persons) of the community.

For other support, only those responsible for the partner organisations or social entrepreneurs should be entitled to receive the funds.

As far as possible, the presence of all beneficiaries of the project should be sought at the time of the delivery of funds.

A receipt is drawn up and signed by all the parties concerned. They must commit to reciprocal transparency in the management of funds.

# ANNEXE N°1

## Areas of application of the Development Fund of Rencontres au bout du monde

### 1 • TRADITIONAL OR ASSOCIATIVE ACTIVITIES

- Arts and crafts
- Agriculture
- Maintenance or /and development of the associative fabric (ex : association of women)
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### 2 • ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES MEETING THE CONDITIONS BELOW

- Not having profit as the main aim and serving the collective interest
- Benefiting the local population (employment, revenues, etc.)
- Sustainable
- Environmentally friendly
- Respectful of working conditions

### 3 • SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

- These are projects whose commercial benefits accrue to a private entity (individual or family) but whose activity benefits the community.
- Financial, material or human participation (ex : participation in the work) will also be required, the proportion of which will be defined by the development committee.

### 4 • IMPROVE LIVING COMFORT WHILE RESPECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- Water
- Durable energy
- Toilets
- Hygiene
- Health (ex : construction of a dispensary, a nurse)
- ...

### 5 • TRAINING

- Maintenance of know-how
- Acquisition of skills to create an activity that benefits the community or improves the performance of an existing activity

### 6 • CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- heritage development
- preservation of tangible or intangible heritage
- Event highlighting traditional activities
- ...

## **7 • PROTECTION AND/OR PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.**

- Energy saving
- Clean air or water
- Protection of fauna and flora
- Conservation of endemic plants
- Local organic production
- ...

## **8 • COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION**

- Holiday Hall
- Sanitary
- Road infrastructure
- Fences
- ...

## **9 • CULTURAL EXCHANGES**

- Meetings with other populations receiving RBM travellers
- Promote traditional activities outside the village
- Exchange of know-how

## **10 • SCHOOLING**

- Classrooms
- Acquisition of furniture, teaching equipment