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We work alongside our partners to develop shared solutions with and for communities in developing countries. Our teams are involved in more than 4,000 projects on the ground, in France's overseas territories and 115 countries, including areas in crisis. In 2020, AFD committed 12 billion euros to the financing of projects in developing countries and in favor of French territories.

We strive to protect the common good—promoting peace, biodiversity and a stable climate, as well as gender equality, health and education. In this way, we contribute to the commitment of France and French people to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Towards a world in common.



AFD demonstrated its capacity to mobilize its forces during the crisis and continue its activities. Despite the difficult context, we were able to meet our partners' expectations, with payments of €503 million to projects and €465 million in new commitments for the "Health in Common", "COVID response" and "Overseas Territories in Common" initiatives.

In 2021, AFD will be continuing to play a counter-cyclical role by supporting sustainable economic recovery to promote societies of reconciliation and resilience that are aligned with the SDGs, in French overseas territories and foreign States in the region. In our interventions, we will prioritize the preservation of biodiversity (SDG15), sustainable consumption and production patterns (SDG12), and health (SDG3).

One of the specific characteristics of countries in the Caribbean, composed primarily of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), is their vulnerability to the effects of climate change, with a high incidence of natural disasters due to their geography, size and insular nature. These common issues and the accelerating pace of change globally make it crucial to act quickly at the regional level. AFD has therefore stepped up its presence in the Atlantic Ocean since 2018 with the creation of a Regional Directorate (DR).

2020 was an atypical year for our regional activities and the Group as a whole. It forced us to demonstrate agility and a greater level of responsiveness, while continuing to work together for the common good.



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