



**GROUPE SOS**

A social  
enterprise

# Preparing the future



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GROUPE SOS was launched over thirty years ago to tackle social exclusion in all its forms. Since then, it has gradually diversified its activities, and now responds to societal needs in 8 sectors of activity: Youth, Employment, Solidarities, Health, Seniors, Culture, Ecological transition and International action. With 17,000 employees, 495 establishments and services and a turnover of €910M, GROUPE SOS is the first European social enterprise.

By placing social innovation at the core of its practices, the group shows that it is possible to build a solid organisation, capable of creating and sustaining its economic activities, while maintaining a strong social impact. Our mission is to enable everyone, whatever their career path or income, to access quality services that meet their essential needs: education, housing, social inclusion, occupational integration, access to health care, and care and support in old age. We are also developing plans to facilitate much greater access to culture, as well as a new agricultural and ecological paradigm.

We operate in 44 countries in projects involving health, voluntary work, education and training, and also support social entrepreneurship. GROUPE SOS develops by creating new working models and through the associations, centres and companies that join us. These organisations can pool expenditures, stabilise their financial status, develop synergies, institute best professional practices, innovate and grow. They can thus meet ever better the needs of our society by introducing new solutions to today's key social, economic and environmental challenges.

## • KEY FIGURES

**1984**  
GROUPE SOS  
set up

**17,000**  
employees

**495**  
establishments  
and services

**910**  
million euros  
turnover

**1.7**  
million  
beneficiaries

**4**  
French overseas  
territories

**12**  
French regions

**44**  
countries

GROUPE SOS responds to the challenges of today's society by developing innovative solutions in 8 sectors: Youth, Employment, Solidarities, Health, Seniors, Culture, Ecological transition and International action.



Youth



Employment



Solidarities



Health



Seniors



Ecological  
transition



International  
action



Culture





**GROUPE SOS Solidarities**  
**One society for all,  
 a place for everyone**

At GROUPE SOS, we believe in the concept of social productivity, and that every individual has a valuable contribution to make to the community. This is why we see solidarity in the plural, developing our actions to help people in precarious situations, such as addictions, being HIV positive, dealing with handicap, living as migrants, or who are homeless or living in inadequate accommodation.



**GROUPE SOS Youth**

**Giving every child  
 the same opportunities**

From access to nursery places to education through sport, local sponsorship, accommodation, care and support for children and teenagers in difficulty or danger, we help around 70,000 children and teenagers every year. By adapting our actions to meet the needs of each individual case, we do all we can to maintain family ties.



**GROUPE SOS Employment**

**A real place in society**

In order to contribute to a sustainable economic model, we have been developing business activities for over 10 years, and now have about 15 small and medium-sized businesses in 44 locations. We work in a wide variety of sectors, the companies bringing together economic performance with a strong social emphasis: work integration via economic activity, sustainable development and fair trade.



**GROUPE SOS Health**

**Access to the best in health  
 care for everyone**

Hospital: public sector? Clinic: private sector? GROUPE SOS presents an alternative: hospital management by a private non-profit organisation. We can offer quality health care centred around the needs of the individual and accessible regardless of the income. We contribute to maintaining useful health services to populations in areas threatened by the phenomenon of medical desertification.

**GROUPE SOS Seniors**

**The challenge  
 of advanced age**

France has a population of around one and a half million people over 85 years old, of whom 25% are no longer autonomous. GROUPE SOS Seniors runs 80 establishments and services, 62 of which are live-in establishments for dependent elderly people. We can provide quality services, linked to family carers, while respecting their dignity, irrespective of their level of income.





## GROUPE SOS Culture

### Making culture a vehicle for change

Culture is a vector for social cohesion. It encourages openness towards others, critical discernment and harmonious coexistence. With this conviction in mind, GROUPE SOS is undertaking innovation to widen access to creative projects for as many people as possible and to support cultural entrepreneurship and creativity in all its forms.

## GROUPE SOS International action

### Supporting change in the world

GROUPE SOS acts on the international stage to work towards reaching Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our social businesses work with local actors in over fifty countries to provide support through voluntary work and training, and to reinforce skills in the areas of health care, child protection, handicap, environmental protection and access to education for all. We also work towards economic development by enabling companies whose aim is social and/or ecological to develop within our worldwide network of incubators.



## GROUPE SOS Ecological transition

### Meeting environmental challenges

Ecological transition is one of the challenges being taken up by GROUPE SOS. Our aim in this era of scarcity is to supply fundamental goods and services to as many as need them: food from sustainable agriculture, inclusive green mobility and accommodation, while conserving natural capital and encouraging the growth of a circular economy. This responds to the clear need to do better with less.

We are also developing solutions for the transition of skills and jobs, towards participative finance with a positive impact, while offering strategic advice to territories and companies in transition.



## UP Movement

So that everyone can be a changemaker on their own scale, the UP Movement hosts entrance-free events, such as the UP Conferences, UP Café, UP Pro, UP Conferences students and the UP Fest, open to everyone, as well as content productions and a social network, UP Campus, with over 130,000 members.

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