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CONTAINER SHIPMENTS



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EDITORIAL

CONTAINERS FOR SOLIDARITY



I often think how surprising it is that these huge “boxes”, that have revolutionised today’s trade, haven’t been adopted more widely by Emmaus groups as an important “strategic tool” to pool our resources. And yet, we’re lucky enough to have the support of thousands of donors who not only donate goods, but also give us the resources we need to take in companions and put solidarity into action. With the piles of donations we receive, why don’t we try to increase the number of groups that fill and send shipping containers? We have the tried-and-tested techniques to store, load and send goods and capitalize on them when they arrive at their destinations. The international container fund also gives us the possibility of pooling our money to pay for the shipment costs. So, all aboard?

Jean Rousseau
Chair of Emmaus International

2014 FIGURES



51 containers sent

41 to Africa and 10 to South America



103 requests for containers

92 from Africa and 11 from South America



745 tonnes

of goods shipped



22 groups sent containers

from Spain, Finland, Switzerland and France

CONTAINER PROGRAMME MEETINGS IN 2014

CONTAINER TRAINING DAYS



On 3 and 4 November 2014, the Emmaus community of Labarthe sur Lèze in Toulouse, France hosted the container training and information meeting. Attendees were given information about shipping containers and discussed their practices, giving those who hadn't yet taken part in the programme the opportunity to do so. Together, they loaded a container for SEMUS, a group in Burkina Faso.

Attendee groups:

Emmaus Toulouse/Saint Jory (France), Emmaus Perpignan (France), Emmaus Carmaux Friends' Committee (France), Emmaus Cahors Friends' Committee (France), UPASUNQU (Spain), Emmaus San Sebastian (Spain)

2014 EVALUATION MEETING



The annual meeting to evaluate container shipments in 2014 took place on 22 January 2015 at Emmaus Chatou in the Paris region, France. The groups involved in the 2014 programme had the opportunity to evaluate the previous year's work and discuss the following year's shipments. Together, they loaded a container for Emmaus Benin's national organisation.

Attendee groups and representatives:

Emmaus Bougival/Chatou (France), Neuilly Emmaus Avenir (France), Emmaus Rédéne (France), Emmaus Angoulême (France), Emmaus Nantes (France), Emmaus Åland (Finland), Amis Emmaus Saumur (France), Marie-France Bedleem (world council on political action and international solidarity), Anita Moore (Cuna Nazareth, Peru), Blaise Tokpo (Metokan, Benin).

AFA (Association of Women Friends)

Benin

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

20 employees

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Training and support for children working on the markets, teaching reading and writing skills (French and the national language), microcredit initiatives, farming, baking, raising awareness about women's and children's rights.

3 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Angers](#),
[Emmaus Rivera](#), [Emmaus Angoulême](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

15% were donated

to children and young people in difficulty.

75% were sold

to cover the group's running costs and to pay for training for young people in difficulty.

10% used to equip the group with furniture and office supplies.



Young people from the training centre

EMMAUS PAHOUE

Benin

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

17 employees, 20 companions living and working there, 10 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Market gardening, livestock farming, fish farming, microcredit loans, teaching apprentices to read and write, social and vocational support, appeals to the local population.

4 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Angers](#),
[Emmaus Annemasse](#), [Emmaus Carmaux](#)
[Friends' Committee](#), [Emmaus Perpignan](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

10% were donated

to young apprentices, elderly people and primary school children.

90% were sold

to pay for the group's running costs (salaries, allowances) and activities.



General assembly of the group of female microcredit beneficiaries

METOKAN

Benin

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

15 employees, 20 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Training, education, schooling, microcredit loans, bakery, farm.

5 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Angers](#), [Emmaus Reims Berry-au-Bac](#), [Friends of Emmaus Saumur](#) (3)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

20% were donated

to the Abomey civil prison, people in difficulty and to the Social Action Centre.

75% were sold

to finance the activities of the farm-school, to build a dormitory block, to pay for schooling and learning support for 30 children, to distribute school kits to 50 children and for Christmas for 110 children in the village of Saclo in Bohicon.

5% used to equip the group with computers, furniture and office supplies.



Christmas for Everyone event for 110 children from the village of Saclo in Bohicon

EMMAUS TOHOUE

Benin

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

25 companions, 6 employees, 30 seasonal workers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Household waste management, agriculture, processing agricultural products, training, provision of accommodation and meals, microcredit loans.

4 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Angers](#), [Emmaus Rouen](#), [Emmaus Carmaux](#) Friends' Committee, [Emmaus Jura](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

5% were donated

to young apprentices, people in need, the paediatrics department at Porto-Novo hospital, a centre for disabled people and to companions and employees for the end-of-year celebrations.

80% were sold

to pay for the construction of the second-hand shop, the refurbishment of the canteen, maintenance of the tractor and trailer, the community's running costs and to pay for companions' retirement

15% used to equip the group

with furniture (for the accommodation), domestic appliances, crockery, household linen and office supplies.



Beds sent for the health centre

BENEENOOMA

Burkina Faso

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

84 employees, 12 friends, 11 guests, 10 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Education and training for children (up to age 11), school for the deaf, technical courses, vocational training workshops (mechanics, printing, metalwork), cultural activities (Radio Palabre, Nuits Atypiques, SAABA theatre group).

5 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: Emmaus Bougival (20 foot container), Emmaus Lyon (20 foot container), Emmaus Montbéliard (3)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

10% were donated

to people in need, disabled people, prisoners, health organisations and sick at the Koudougou health centre.

70% were sold

to pay for the group's running costs (salaries, maintenance, repairs).

20% used to equip the group

with office supplies, school equipment (games, tables, benches and equipment for the apprentices) and equipment for the Abbé Pierre centre (fridges, kitchen utensils, blankets).

SEMUS (Solidarity and Mutual Aid in the Sahel)

Burkina Faso

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

40 employees, 6 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Environment, agriculture and livestock farming, education (sponsorship of children), support for small businesses, water power, promotion of national voluntary service, health.

3 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: Emmaus Cherbourg, Fougères and Laval

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

15% were donated

to infants (baby milk), widows and orphans, people in difficulty and for healthcare (crutches, wheelchairs).

80% were sold

to pay for the group's running costs and activities: schooling of orphans and vulnerable children, solidarity initiatives for poor and vulnerable people, food self-sufficiency for poor people (market gardening).

5% used to equip the group with furniture and office supplies.



Young people receiving training at the cookery school



Sale of goods received

ESO (Emmaus solidarity Ouaga)

Burkina Faso

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

21 employees

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Agriculture, training for small farmers, educational support, multipurpose platform, training, teaching reading and writing to small farmers, sewing and dressmaking workshop, training centre in welding, mechanical cleaning, sales, etc.

3 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Rouen](#), [Emmaus Angoulême](#), [Emmaus Tessin](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

15% were donated

to organisations supporting young people in difficulty and to vulnerable families (clothing, blankets).

70% were sold

to pay for the schooling of 350 pupils at the Guesna primary school (equipment, food, stationery, school uniforms), to purchase farming equipment for the Ghogin Centre for Development and Literacy, to equip the welding training centre, to fit out the dressmaking school with electrics and ceiling boarding and to cover the group's running costs (salaries).

15% used to equip the group with welding equipment.



Donating school equipment to pupils at Gesna School

PAG-LA-YIRI - WOMEN OF ZABRE

Burkina Faso

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

30 employees, 50 temporary volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Literacy, education and training; awareness-raising among the local population (education, health and environment); income-generating activities; market gardening; appeals to local authorities to respect the rights of the poor.

3 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Le Plessis Trévisé](#), [Emmaus Nantes](#), [Emmaus Rédéné](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

0.1% were donated

to 10 disabled people at Zabré (crutches, wheelchairs)

95.4% were sold

to pay for the maintenance of 7 plots of land used for market gardening, schooling for 15 orphans and vulnerable children, to buy rice and maize for the Zabré medical centre, to support 20 people living with HIV, and to cover the expenses arising from the sale of the container and the organisation's running costs.

0.5% used to equip the group

to equip the group with 30 chairs and 2 fans for the meeting room.



Market gardening equipment donated

EMMAUS BURKINA FASO

Burkina Faso

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

2 employees

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Coordination of member groups.

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender group: [Emmaus Rédéné](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

5% were donated
to widows (clothing and bicycles).

93% were sold
to cover the head office's running costs (rent, salaries, monthly meetings of the executive committee, organisation of the general assembly).

2% used to equip the group
with fans.



The Pag La Yiri shop's office

ALDP (Association to fight crime and poverty)

Burundi

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

57 employees and volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Training, sports, theatre, civic education, raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, raising awareness of the dangers of illegal immigration to Europe

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender group: [Emmaus Bougival](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

98.8% were donated
to pay for the construction of an Emmaus primary and secondary school.

0.2% used to equip the group
with computers and radios.



School building site

CPSS (Centre for the Promotion of Health and Social Care)

Cameroon

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

10 employees, 20 members, 5 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Agriculture, livestock farming, health, schooling, promoting women.

3 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Bougival](#), [Emmaus Annemasse](#), [Emmaus Bernes Sur Oise](#) (1/3 for CPSS)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

20% were donated to children in difficulty, prisoners, schools and female land workers.

65% were sold to pay for the construction of a reception centre, training for children, development of palm oil production and to help pay for the group's running costs.

15% used to equip the group with a fridge, freezer, computer equipment, beds and mattresses.



Construction of the health centre

CAJED (Concerted Action for Disadvantaged Young People and Children)

Congo (DR)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

71 employees, 16 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Community protection and rehabilitation, psychological support and initiatives to help disadvantaged children and young people integrate into society.

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender group: [Emmaus Bougival](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

5% were donated to schools (books and school equipment) to children's clubs (sports equipment).

75% were sold to pay for a fence to be installed around the 5 hectare plot of land where CAJED's head office is located and to help pay for the group's reception centre and accommodation to be built.

10% used to equip the group with office supplies, a supercharger, welding equipment and equipment for the carpentry workshop (saw, spindle moulder and a planer).



Work being done on the group's doorway and fence

JEKAWILI

Côte d'Ivoire

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

11 employee, 4 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Livestock farming, campaigns against the trafficking and exploitation of children, education and vocational support for young people, health campaigns (raising awareness of HIV, vaccinations, medical treatment etc.), support for income-generating activities, raising awareness about human rights and democracy.

3 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Angers](#),
[Emmaus Rédéne](#), [Emmaus Angoulême](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

20% were donated

to institutions for children in difficulty, to a centre for mentally ill patients and to families in difficulty.

70% were sold

to cover the group's running costs, and to set up projects to support young people.

10% used to equip the group

with furniture, computer equipment and office supplies.

MARS (Movement of Action for Social Renewal)

Togo

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

10 employees, 5 friends, 10 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Manufacture and sale of chalk and bread, market gardening and livestock farming, awareness-raising about health and hygiene, microcredit loans for socially-excluded women.

2 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: [Emmaus Saint Etienne](#),
[Emmaus Bougival](#)

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

20% were donated

to the orphanage Mother Charity and to people in the villages of Sagbado and Noepe.

75% were sold

to pay for the construction of 4 showers and 4 toilets for a village, to cover the school fees of 25 children and to pay for school equipment for 235 children. They also helped support the creation of a community school, and develop the income-generating activities of 50 women.

5% used to equip the group

with computer equipment.



Donating satchels to village children



Distribution of school equipment

EMMAUS IGUALDADE NO BRASIL

Brazil

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

22 companions, 15 employees,
12 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Rag-picking and recycling: we collect materials in the local district.

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

Emmaus Piura sold the goods received with the proceeds funding the following projects at Emmaus Igualdade:

- Building of a room to hold training and educational workshops and for leisure activities and reading, and building of a community gatehouse (access control).
- Investment in the shop.

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

The container was sent to Emmaus Piura, a group with experience of receiving containers, as groups are not allowed to receive containers in Brazil.

Sender group: **Emmaus Rédééné**



Access control at the community entrance

CUNA NAZARETH

Peru

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

20 companions (Cuna Nazareth),
7 companions (the Emmaus Nazareth community)

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Provision and support for 130 children aged one to five (education, food, psychological and social support, IT, dance and psychomotor learning workshops).

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

46% were donated

to people on low-incomes in the local area and the province, and clothing was donated to people in very cold areas.

50% were sold

to support our educational and social initiatives and community outreach work: workshops and joint work.

4% used to equip the group:

educational toys and materials, bed and kitchen linen, cooking utensils and tableware, material for the admin departments.

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender group: **Emmaus Åland**



Art workshop at the nursery school

EMMAUS PIURA

Peru

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

61 companions

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Pre-school education, healthcare (physical therapy and massages in the therapy centre), recycling (waste recovery, collection, transport and storage), workshops (education and awareness-raising about environmental issues).

2 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: **Emmaus Bougival (2)** and **Upasunqu**.

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

50% were donated to 2,680 families living in extreme poverty in the highlands and mountain area.

45% were sold to fund companion healthcare and education, special bonuses for the companions (on Peruvian Independence Day and at Christmas), investment in the school premises and social work, the rag-picking centre, social savings fund and vehicles.

5% used to equip the group: crockery, wheelchairs, stretchers, bicycles, clothing and shoes.



Distribution of clothing to families in the region

EMMAUS VILLA EL SALVADOR

Peru

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

Chair, **2** drivers, **2** volunteers, a teacher and a cook.

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Collecting unwanted goods, rag-picking and social work in the school.

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender group: **Upasunqu**

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

80% were donated to local people: clothing, shoes and cooking utensils.

15% were sold to fund the building of two containers to store recyclable materials that Emmaus collects from business, to purchase new tyres, pay for our school children's food and to pay the rent on our premises.

5% used to equip the group: clothing.



Distribution of the clothing received by the group

FEDERATION OF EMMAUS PERU

Peru

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

3 people who work for the FEP (Federation of Emmaus Peru) form its board: Emaús San Augustin, Cuna Nazareth and Emaús Villa El Salvador.

FEP'S ACTIVITIES:

Organising forums for debate, training and discussions about the groups' local, regional and international situation; the groups are members of Emmaus International.

1 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender group: **Emmaus Rédéné**

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

50% were donated

to groups in Peru running activities with the goods received by container, to low-income population groups and to people living in the mountainous areas of Piura Province (clothing donations).

50% were sold

to fund training courses, support visits to groups at the local and provincial levels, and to cover the cost of running ordinary, national and annual assemblies, and legal registration formalities.



Companions receiving training

EMMAUS NUEVO PARIS

Uruguay

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

36 companions

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

We generate our own resources by holding sales three times a week, plus sales in other towns in inland areas of Uruguay.

2 CONTAINERS RECEIVED IN 2014

Sender groups: **Emmaus Bougival, Upasunqu.**

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

20% were donated

to schools, prisons, refuges and the children's club.

80% were sold

to help fund the creation of floats (prison project), improve the youth workshops by doing building renovation work, and organise an event to mark Children's Day in the local area (for 200 children and their families).



Children's Day float

GRUPO APORTES

Uruguay

NUMBER OF PEOPLE:

20 employees, 2 volunteers

GROUP'S ACTIVITIES:

Horticulture and advocacy work in the local area. Carpentry, sewing and electronics workshops. We also work on government projects by providing clothing and furniture.

2 CONTAINERS SENT IN 2014

Sender groups: **Emmaus Rédéné,**
Upasunqu

HOW THE GOODS WERE USED:

50% were donated

to government-managed refuges: clothing for 150 male prisoners (every two months), for soup kitchens, psychiatric patients and Pereira Rossell Hospital (mothers and children). Purchases are also made to help people in emergency situations: fires and flooding in homes in inland areas and the peripheral area.

50% were sold

to enhance the development of the internet site, buy a donations computer programme, mend the group's trucks and buy covers (20% of the group's allocated goods have been sold and the remaining 30% has been kept for the winter).



Donation of clothes to 150 prisoners at the National Institute for Rehabilitation

THIS YEAR'S OUTLOOK

Sender groups
plan to send
50 containers:

39 for Africa
and 11 for South America.



94 containers have
been requested,

including 80 for Africa
and 14 for South America.



WHAT EMMAUS GROUPS THINK...



“Passing on some of the donations our group receives is important to us as our region’s wealth doesn’t belong to us. The container programme also opens us up to other people’s realities, which we tend to forget when we’re caught up in our daily routines!”

Dominique, Leader
(Emmaus Annemasse, France)

“Sending containers is an enjoyable time when we all get stuck in together – volunteers, companions and staff – to help the poorest Emmaus groups by sharing the fruit of our labour.”

Noël, Companion
(Emmaus Nantes, France)

“By taking part in the container programme we’re recycling our donations and sharing our cultural differences. It makes you realise you’re part of the Emmaus movement’s chain of solidarity.”

Pierre, Volunteer
(Emmaüs Fougères, France)

“Even if it takes several months to prepare, putting containers together is a unique event for the community. It gives us the chance to share our know-how with other communities – at the container days for example.”

Bernadette, Assistant
(Emmaus Toulouse, France)

“Sending containers helps open up our minds to the world beyond our borders. It helps make members aware that they’re citizens of the world and it adds a wider dimension to solidarity.”

Alain, Volunteer
(Emmaus Carmaux Friends’ Committee, France)

“Without the container programme, a great deal of good-quality donation would go to waste and that is irresponsible. For us, sending goods by containers is an essential way of putting solidarity into action by sharing what we have. It brings meaning to the companions’ work – ‘Part of what I do helps people who are needier than I am’.”

Yvan, Leader
(Emmaus Riviera, Switzerland)

“Containers help us carry out our activities, by donating a proportion of the goods to people who need them and by selling the rest. The income helps cover AFA’s running costs and pay for training.”

AFA, Benin



“Through this activity, we meet a lot of people, we run solidarity initiatives and create work.”

Dominique, Vendor
(Emmaus Pahou, Benin)

“Containers help us keep the group running. We’re counting on the containers in 2015 to begin making investments with the aim of becoming self-sufficient.”

Lino, Coordinator
(Metokan, Benin)

“Receiving containers helps us make ends meet, share our Emmaus values with others and run even more solidarity initiatives.”

Elisabeth, Manager of the second-hand shop
(Emmaus Tohouè, Benin)

“Containers are essential – vital even – to the life of our group.”

Adèle, Coordinator
(Benebnooma, Burkina Faso)



“Receiving containers benefits everyone. As a local, 90% of the clothes I buy and my means of transport come from the containers at SEMUS.”

Prospère, local resident
(SEMUS, Burkina Faso)

“The containers enable poor people to gain access to a variety of goods at affordable prices, such as clothing and shoes.”

Jacques, Workshop Manager
ESO, Burkina Faso



“Receiving containers is very beneficial to our group, which runs several initiatives for vulnerable people.”

Francelline, Project Leader
PAG LA YIRI, Burkina Faso

“Thanks to the containers, the women can generate income for their families.”

Emmaus Burkina Faso

“Containers symbolize a positive form of solidarity – they help us get to know the movement and enable us to develop sustainable projects.”

Sango Shila, Coordinator,
ALDP, Burundi

“Containers bring joy and dynamism to the group.”

CPSS, Cameroon

“Thanks to the containers, CAJED enables families to meet their needs, and develops projects for the group. By donating goods, we also make Emmaus and our values known to others.”

Faustin, CAJED, DR Congo

“Containers enable us to survive all kinds of difficulty. This solidarity between all the groups around the world must continue.”

Jekawili, Côte d'Ivoire

“By selling the goods sent by container, MARS has enabled me and my brother to continue going to school.”

Ame, pupil at Lomé secondary school, Togo

“Local people appreciate the quantity and quality of the donations received by container.”

Margarita, Aportes, Uruguay

“Receiving containers encourages us to continue with our work in support of the needy. It's fantastic to see the joy on people's faces when they receive the donations.”

José Luis, Chair, Emmaus Villa el Salvador,
Peru

“By receiving containers we're able to offer goods that are hard to come by in Peru, such as clothes and shoes. This pooling of resources enables us, in turn, to put solidarity into action.”

Nestor, Emmaus Piura, Peru

“For the first time, we have benefitted from a container which we collected from Emmaus Piura. It's helped us build rooms for the companions and extend our sales area. We hope to do it again in future.”

Tania, Chair, Emmaus Igualdade no Brasil,
Brazil



“We know that groups sending containers may face difficulties themselves in paying for the shipment costs or in preparing the containers. As a receiver group, we are committed to using these resources in an efficient and transparent manner.”

Anita, Leader,
Cuna Nazareth, Peru

“This solidarity contribution enables the federation to run social initiatives and keep the federation running through training and visits.”

Board of the Federation of Emmaus Peru, Peru

“The link we have had for several years with the Bougival group is very important. It allows us to continue developing projects to improve the services we offer the local population.”

Ricardo, General Coordinator,
Emmaus Nuevo Paris, Uruguay



- ① NUMBER OF CONTAINERS SENT BY THE COUNTRY
- ① NUMBER OF CONTAINERS RECEIVED BY THE COUNTRY

WORLD MAP OF CONTAINER SHIPMENTS IN 2014



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