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Cooperatives Build a Better World

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How Cooperatives Build a Better World?

Analysis of data on the international cooperative development initiatives



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The **Development Data Platform** collects data about international development cooperation projects implemented by organizations and cooperatives of the Legacoop system. This online platform, realized and managed by **Haliéus**, nowadays gathers **241 projects** from **27 registered organizations** directly active and involved in initiatives of international development cooperation, with **1.086.845** of beneficiaries reached

The data analysed refer to initiatives of international development cooperation that promote and support the cooperative movement all around the world. According to these data, the analysis focuses on the **relevance** and **impact** of the cooperative identity through the implementation of these initiatives, to build a better world.

Cooperatives as a powerful economic and social force, are active all over the world and in most sectors of the economy. The cooperative development initiatives censused in the Platform result to be mainly focused in the agricultural sector and in the education one, followed by the tourism, health and environmental.

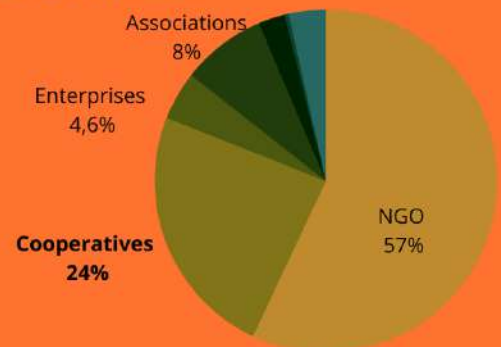


20% of project have been implemented in the sector of **agriculture**



14% of project have been implemented in the sector of **education**

The analysis shows how Cooperative have an active role as Applicant in the initiatives of development cooperation. Indeed, the **24%** of the total number of projects censused report a Cooperative as Lead Applicant.





Why Cooperatives Build a Better World?

The cooperatives are an important model of **social, economic and political** answer to crisis. Thanks to their **cooperative principles** and **democratic approach**, the cooperative model enhances the economies by promoting and ensuring job opportunities and an economic participation.

The cooperatives as civil society organizations promote and sustain a social equality and they are actors that support and act for a sustainable development and for a proper and sustainable use of the natural resources.

By definition, cooperatives are *autonomous associations of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.*

The cooperatives guided by their principles, are able to boost the **sense of community**, of **participation** and of empowerment by including at social level their members and by establishing relationships based on the principle of **democracy and peace.**

Cooperatives have a strong role in participating to the **decision-making processes**, at local, regional, national and international levels, by promoting strategies and supporting elaboration of policy in favour of their communities.

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Cooperatives build a better world because they are democratically-owned enterprises which create a more equal, democratic and sustainable economy. Without cooperatives, there is no social justice.

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Genc Isi Kooperatif - Turkish cooperative beneficiary of the project NewGenCoop



Together for a Better World



The analysis also questions about the role of cooperatives in reaching the target and indicators of the **Sustainable Development Goals**, to build **together** a better world.



19% of project have been implemented for the promotion of sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and employment



10% of project have been implemented to ensure a sustainable consumption and production

Cooperatives play a significant role in the creation of employment and generation of income.

Cooperatives directly impact on the employment of people, and indirectly promote the **self-employment**, by creating marketing opportunities and improving the conditions of market.

Indeed, the business model promoted by the cooperatives is based on an **inclusive social model**, by creating chance to the most vulnerable groups, as low-income women, unemployed youth, persons with disabilities, migrants and refugees, to actively participate in the formal economy.

The principle of sustainability is ensured by the 7^o cooperative principle: *concern for community*.

Cooperatives promote a sustainable resources management in their sectors, consumer awareness programmes, developing recycling policies and food waste reduction initiatives.

Moreover, cooperatives ensures a strong cooperation between local producers and consumers, in line with the principles of sustainable consumption and production

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