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The GRDR is a French association for international solidarity created in 1969 when French agronomists met migrant workers from the Senegal River region. It places its action in a world in which interdependence between continents, countries and regions strengthens, when inequalities and precariousness increase.

GRDR aims to contribute in forging a fairer and solidarity-based world.

Our beliefs

Men and women's mobility is a chance for societies. It is needed for building a peaceful world.

Exchanges between individuals with different origins and cultures are a source of enrichment.

In the building of tomorrow's world, our societies in Africa and in Europe are linked. The GRDR bases its action on a positive vision for Western Africa's and in particular for the Sahel's future.

Combining migrations, citizenship and development

For the GRDR, migrations, citizenship and development cannot be separated.

• **Migrations**

Men and women who are migrating are building tomorrow's world. In the long-

term, they link societies and contribute to the development of their territories of origin as well as territories of life. The GRDR highlights this dual belonging. It takes action for migrants to become recognized actors in societies.

• **Citizenship**

Being a citizen means sharing the public sphere and contributing in defining its rules. All men and women living in a country must be considered as citizens.

The GRDR takes action in building this citizenship in a space that goes beyond borders.

• **Development**

Development must aim at improving life conditions and allowing everyone to live "in dignity" wherever they are. People are the first actors of their development.

The GRDR takes action for a solidarity-based development. It acts in particular for cooperation between territories.

Acting locally and sharing experience to influence public policies

The GRDR is involved in actions for local development in the territories of origin or life of the migrants; it contributes to promoting immigrants and their families to facilitate their inclusion and reinforce their skills and rights; it places at the disposal of a large public knowledge and know-how derived from its experience on the ground.

As societies' development is a long term process, the GRDR has chosen to take action in the long-run, remaining committed to territories, at a local as well as national or transnational level. Resting upon innovative actions and strong local roots, the GRDR aims to challenge, orientate and influence public policies in Africa as well as in Europe.

The GRDR, an NGO rich in its differences

The GRDR relies on committed local actors, in its daily functioning as well as in its governance. The actions it carries out are decided upon from the places where they are developed, in Western Africa as well as in France. This lays the foundation for its legitimacy.

Its strength lies in its capacity to join together members and employees with different cultures and nationalities. The diversity of their experiences, skills and life paths constitutes one of its major assets.