



**TOIT POUR TOUS**

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# **TOIT POUR TOUS ECO-VILLAGES in each canton of Suisse romande**

**A large-scale project will begin in 2017: the installation of energy self-sufficient eco-villages, with housing for poor people or people in need.**

**In the middle of the cold winter months, we now need more than ever to take concrete action.**

**What role can elected officials, mayors, building management agents or individuals who are sensitive to this citizen's project play?**

**What role can partners, CSR companies or sponsors  
of your network or region play?**



Socially diverse micro-villages in each canton for housing accessible to everyone.

- Appeal to individuals to show solidarity: anyone who wants to help can use the TOIT POUR TOUS application, which can be downloaded free of charge, to indicate available accommodations or land.
- **We ask villages and towns to make land available to set up eco-villages.**

These dwellings will house single-parent **Swiss and resident** households and families in **difficult situations**.

We require 50,000 CHF/mobile unit.

#### **What can be done to ensure this project's long-term continuity?**

The construction of lightweight micro-dwellings for one or more villages in co-construction with Ader (Association pour le développement des énergies renouvelables / Association for the development of renewable energies) or other partners: local skilled tradesmen, SMEs, construction groups, property agents or foundations whose vision includes a comprehensive social and human project with the ultimate aim of making beneficiaries autonomous so they can get back on their feet.

**An inclusive concept that includes housing and a return to work for the residents.**



## **1/ Skills transfer and more generally training**

In partnership and coordination with the region's social participants and agencies in favour of certified training and social support for residents, *Toi(t) pour tous* offers to provide the skills and funds to construct small houses. The objective is to train the dwelling's future occupant in the different trades used to build this eco-village so in return the occupant can help his neighbour build his dwelling, live and maintain the eco-system's sites. The support activities that encourage cohabitation and social cohesion include: maintenance, eco-construction, permaculture, educational farm\*, etc.

## **2/ Environmental sustainability and protection of natural resources**

The goal of constructing these eco-villages is to provide their inhabitants energy independence. Solar panels supply the houses with electricity, water will be recycled through a mini-purification plant (except in the case of potential connections by the town) and rainwater will be collected to water the gardens. The houses will be made from wood or constructed from recycled materials. Without any utility connections, these dwellings will be easy to move.

## **3/ The struggle against poverty : UN Sustainable development goals to achieve by 2030 locally, nationally and internationally**

These dwellings are initially intended for:

- poor people in a situation of transition and need who are going through a separation, divorce, job loss, bankruptcy, expulsion, non work-related accident, bereavement, fire, flooding, violence, etc. that, from one day to the next, weakened the household's equilibrium. The result is that these people temporarily need (several weeks to a few months) a low-rent housing solution long enough to stabilise their situation, get back on their feet and rebuild their savings so they can once again be financially independent;
- women and men who want to maintain their dignity in the face of the difficulties of living in a situation of separation or social degradation, who want to retain parental custody and continue to give their children a future in the face of economic concerns



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and who want to keep their domestic animals, which are such loyal and important companions in the midst of the insecurity of the infernal spiral of exclusion that the lodging beneficiary cannot escape from;

- single-parent householders, students, "working poor" and retirees.

This involves giving people a roof so they can catch a glimpse of a new life with an activity and maintain hope of a better and serene future. It is a matter of working with people who are experiencing difficulties before they weaken, fail and lose their footing and before their social and moral fall and collapse costs society more in the form of: social services, incarceration, health care centres, psychiatric hospitals, etc.

*"For all people with scarce resources or relatively substantial debts who can no longer access housing and through the force of events become: homeless."*

#### 4/ Peace and security: an ethical project that is socially innovative and responsible

By giving each inhabitant decent housing and a job, we aspire to work together to:

- make Switzerland an exemplary country through this new model of sustainable, local and cooperative development and mutual aid that will help reduce the inequities, inequalities and increasing gap between the rich and the poor.
- provide assistance, solutions and a roof for several Swiss households and residents who are in a situation of insecurity, urgency or great distress, by attributing a modest rent of 400 CHF/month\*.

This will be temporary bridge housing for a period of 2 years.

Given the direct and indirect costs of poverty in Switzerland, **there will be appreciable budget savings compared with the cost of all the households housed in a hotel** and paid for by social services due to the shortage of council housing and the increase in the number of applications for assistance from the population.

Caritas figures: 1 million poor people in Switzerland.



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With this funding, private donations and grants, the project could become operational within a few months in 2017!

**Which towns will be the first to respond to this human, social and environmental challenge?**

Civic courage is required to restore life to living, hope to dreams, visions, missions and fundamental human needs to everyone.

**Fundraising campaign: TOIT POUR TOUS! Et tous pour toi  
(*ROOF FOR EVERYONE ! And everyone for you*)**

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