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**First Year Report:
April 2024 - March 2025**

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Letter From Luxembourg



*Dr Caroline Varin,
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*Dr Victor Cebotari,
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This past year has marked a significant milestone for Professors Without Borders/Professeurs Sans Frontières, opening its first office in Luxembourg as a registered A.S.B.L. We have been welcomed with warmth, generosity and enthusiasm by our partners and friends, enabling us to lay the foundations for our educational initiatives in Europe and expand our programmes in francophone countries.

The decision to expand into Luxembourg was a natural process that emerged from our search for a host country that invests in education and educational research, has a rich diversity of population, and is committed to empowering the world through development initiatives. Its central location also enabled us to nurture a vast network of volunteers and educators to support our upcoming programmes.

As we look ahead to 2025-26, we are excited about the possibilities for new partnerships, launching our first Luxembourg-based projects to youth in the country, leading bootcamps for young entrepreneurs and NGO leaders, and building bridges between educational institutions including in Senegal and Rwanda.

We are grateful for the support we have received, notably from the law firm White & Case, from Sub7 Security, Sodexo's philanthropic initiative Stop Hunger and the many other organisations that have contributed to making our first year in Luxembourg a rounding success. Together, we can create meaningful educational impact and contribute to sustainable development through knowledge sharing and capacity building.

Our Mission

Professors Without Borders/Professeurs Sans Frontières A.S.B.L. is committed to providing quality higher education to students in the developing world. We believe that education is a fundamental right and necessity that should be accessible to all, regardless of geographical or socioeconomic barriers. By connecting international academic expertise with local educational institutions, we empower students with the knowledge, confidence and skills needed to drive positive change in their communities and beyond.

Our position in Luxembourg serves as a strategic hub for our francophone programmes and European activities, leveraging the country's multilingual expertise and international development priorities to create impactful educational initiatives in French-speaking countries.



Nadine Minampala teaching social entrepreneurship in Senegal



Professors Without Borders became a UK-registered (1189091) charity in 2020, and in 2024, registered in Luxembourg (F14440) as an 'A.S.B.L.' (non-profit association) under the name Professeurs Sans Frontières.

First Year Milestones

Office Setup

April 2024



Launch Event

September 2024

Hosted by Jesús Peña

García and Tomás Martí of
Sub7.

New Partnership and Bootcamp

January 2025



- Launched NGO Leaders bootcamp in partnership with Sodexo/Stop Hunger

Networking event

2025

Hosted by White&Case, a
wine tasting and
photography exhibition.



Strategic Partnerships

2025



First projects in Rwanda
and Senegal.

Attendance at the Times
Higher Education African
Universities Summit.
Meetings with LuxDev.

New Partnership and Bootcamp



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In January 2025, we held our first bootcamp for NGO leaders in partnership with **Sodexo / Stop Hunger. Over ten weeks, we provided high-quality training for eight extraordinary NGO leaders and their staff, working to alleviate hunger by empowering women and youth across Africa.

Zamo Shongwe, Executive Director of Buhle Farmers' Academy, said:

"I've been able to equip the team and myself with so much knowledge. We are improving our approach and reaching out for additional resources where possible. All this we could ill afford and I was feeling overwhelmed by the gap at the beginning of the year."



"The NCO Bootcamp has been a powerful catalyst for Stop Hunger's charity partners. By empowering local NGO leaders with skills in fundraising, governance, and strategy, we're strengthening nonprofits and accelerating the path toward a hunger-free world."

Basak Celik
Stop Hunger Impact Director

Team Building



Dr Victor Ceborati



Dr Rana Cömertpay



Lise Mouschang

We have built a dedicated team of professionals and volunteers including:

Dr Victor Ceborati, our Director of Cooperation and Development - from the University of Luxembourg

Dr Rana Cömertpay - from LISER (Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research)

Lise Mouschang - from the University of Oxford and the London School of Economics

Financial Report

Income

April 2024 - March 2025

Source	Amount (EUR)
Sodexo Donation	10,000
Private Donor	25,000
Prowibo	700
Total Income	35,700

Balance:

- Funds Raised: 35,700 EUR
- Expenses: 3,792.09 EUR of which 2,966.07 donated
- Remaining Funds: 34,742.48 EUR (to be allocated for 2025-2026 programmes)

Expenses

April 2024 - March 2025

Expense Category	Amount (EUR)	Notes
Office Space (Apr 2024 - Feb 2025)	2,898.68	Private donation
Office Space (Mar 2025)	241.02	Transition to funded space
Setting up new bank account	585	Bank fees
Registration fees	67.39	Private donation
Total Expenses	3,792.09	

Budget Notes:

- Office space was donated for the first 11 months of operations, representing an in-kind donation of 2,640 EUR (11 months × 240 EUR);
- Starting March 2025, office costs are covered through our fundraising;
- Legal establishment costs were covered through pro bono services from White & Case;
- Our launch event was hosted by a Sub7 Security;
- No additional operational expenses were incurred during this establishment phase;
- The remaining funds are allocated toward our 2025-2026 programme implementation

Teaching in Francophone

Africa



In April 2025, Professors Without Borders/Professeurs Sans Frontières A.S.B.L., in partnership with Ecolotrip, delivered a hybrid programme in Dakar, Senegal, as part of the “Climathon Series.” The event brought together 50 young students and aspiring entrepreneurs to explore how climate challenges can inspire business opportunities. Led by Belgian entrepreneurship expert and educator Nadine Minampala, participants learned the fundamentals of green entrepreneurship, design thinking, and sustainable business development.

Through ideation, prototyping, and pitching sessions, students built practical skills in business modelling, pitching, and problem-solving within the context of climate resilience. In October, the Climathon will return to Senegal with expanded course offerings.

March saw our Chief Programmes Officer, Rachel Warnick, return to Rwanda where she led a panel on equitable quality education in Africa at the Times Higher Education African Universities Summit, where she also met with representatives from the Luxembourg Agency for Development Coordination.

Looking Forward: 2025-2026

In our second year of activities from Luxembourg, we intend to build on our successes in francophone programmes, especially in teaching areas such as entrepreneurship, environmental awareness and financial literacy. We have two programmes lined up in Senegal, teaching entrepreneurship to youth as part of the annual Ecolotrip. We are also working with universities in Rwanda, and in Ghana, where we will be teaching courses on AI and technology for Higher Education in the 21st Century.

Luxembourg-Based Initiatives

We are currently working on a project to improve financial literacy to youth and young adults in Luxembourg, one of the financial centers in Europe, albeit a country that continues to struggle with recruiting local talent. This workshop will expose students to financial education and offer them the opportunity to be mentored by financial leaders in the country by managing a fictitious portfolio over several months. The objective of this programme is to build student confidence and skills in managing their own financial habits, and improving their employability in a rising sector for Luxembourg. This project is scalable and can attract sponsors, pending on the success of our pilot case.

Strategic Growth and Expansion

As we look ahead, Professors Without Borders/Professeurs Sans Frontières is pursuing a growth strategy built on three pillars: **expanding partnerships, diversifying programmes, and deepening community engagement**. We plan to engage the Luxembourg Ministry of Education and Ministry of Development Cooperation to align our work with national priorities, supported by strategic meetings, joint programme design, and shared impact frameworks. We are also building relationships with education-focused foundations to foster collaboration, resource sharing, and innovation. In parallel, we are strengthening corporate engagement. Building on our partnership with Sodexo/Stop Hunger, we aim to develop a structured model that provides educational opportunities supporting our mission and participants.

Projected Budget 2025-2026

Expenses

Category	Amount (EUR)	Notes
Office Space	2,892.24	241,02 EUR × 12 months
Francophone Programmes + Rwanda+Ghana	25,000	Visas, local transport, accommodation, programmes management. 3K of flights covered by Carrier Luxury Travel. Insurance covered by Post Insurance Brokers. Teachers donate time up to a value of 1,500 euros each over a week-long programme.
Financial Literacy Bootcamp	14,000	Marketing materials, teaching materials, catering, organising.
Overheads	6,000	Marketing & Communications + administrative costs & operations
Partnership management	9,000	Initial investment for improving government relations in Luxembourg, develop new partnerships for francophone programmes
Total Projected Expenses		54,892.24

Income Projections

Category	Amount (EUR)	Notes
Carried Forward	34,742.48	From 2024-2025
Total Projected Income	84,742.48	Sponsorship, bootcamps and donations

Acknowledgements

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Your belief in our mission has enabled us to establish a strong foundation for our work in Luxembourg and beyond. We look forward to continuing this journey together in 2025-2026.



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