

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT to the
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Greetings to all the Congress delegates representing StreetNet's members, street vendors, informal market traders, hawkers and cross-border traders around the world. Greetings to all invited guests and partners, Friends and supporters who share and support our challenging but at the same time exciting journey.

I must admit that it's such a thrilling moment and a great honor for me for the very first time to greet you all at the StreetNet Congress in a capacity of an International Coordinator and I am very proud of this moment. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present to you my report about StreetNet work within last four years, since the last StreetNet Congress in April 2019 in Kyrgyzstan.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Seventh StreetNet International Congress!

We have gone through a lot of changes within the last four years, starting from the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020 and which is still catching us until nowadays but with less harm and damage, till the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 which affected millions of Ukrainians including our members, me personally and most of the countries in the region, if not the whole world because any war is the worst tragedy of humanity. I would like to convey my deep condolences to all our Sisters and Brothers, friends and colleagues who lost their loved ones during the Russian-Ukrainian war and at any other war or conflict where people had to pay their biggest price to live in freedom and peace.

I want to use this opportunity and pay tribute to all our leaders and members who are not with us anymore but who contributed so much to our common goals and recognition of street and market vendors in their own countries. They left a huge legacy and we are very grateful for all their commitment and faith. Our Brother Jalile Fundile from South Africa, our Sister Comfort Doryen from Liberia, Sister Blanca Gonzales from Venezuela, Brother John Shikunzi from Tanzania, and our great Legend and Guru - Sister Ella Bhat from India: Rest in Peace and Power.

We have met a very sudden pandemic with a lot of uncertainty but quite quickly mobilized ourselves to find another way of daily life and routine, developed new strategies and approaches to continue our work in strengthening StreetNet affiliates at different levels, even though it was a huge challenge for all of us.

Such high level of solidarity, unity and support is a great manifestation and demonstration of our core human values where we provide mutual support and prove that "An injury to one is an injury to all".

It's remarkable that we didn't lose heart, but instead - we reinforced and continue our noble mission and struggle for recognition, human and workers' rights, freedom, democratic values and social justice because if we have to face it in our lives, we have enough courage and strength to overcome all of occurring challenges. It is also important to note that we all are ready to deal with any situation in a due manner.

We have progressed in many ways including in revision and refreshing our memory about StreetNet policies and their implementation.

I also want to congratulate us all with 20th anniversary of StreetNet which we celebrated last year and wish you more patience and courage to continue our permanent struggle! it is important to note that within 20 years of existence, StreetNet has already achieved a lot, from the first meeting of street vendors' representatives in Bellagio, Italy, in 1995.

PART I – StreetNet role and its Achievements

During the time since the Sixth StreetNet International Congress, we have made the best possible use of our available project funds in our work on the ground to strengthen our Affiliates and enhance the capacity of StreetNet in general to improve the lives of workers in our sector of the informal economy, focusing primarily on building their capacity and increase awareness about relevant concerns taking advantage of new technologies but to initiate and achieve bottom-up changes through their direct participation in innovative new inclusive processes of collective bargaining and organizing strategies.

Transition process and adjustment to a new reality

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The Transition Plan on Succession has been followed since June 2019 and all of its provisions have been already implemented despite some issues around a bank signatory, which was successfully tackled. Some formalities took a bit longer time as the new International Coordinator is not a South African citizen and due to the lack of practice of the bank to deal with non-residents of South Africa we had to wait more time and we are grateful to Pat Horn for her patience and kind cooperation.

We have developed a very effective communication system within StreetNet team and our valuable affiliates.

I have to admit that it was a challenging period of time for all of us including myself, as it took me quite a while to develop my own working coordination system which should be properly adjusted and balanced, well-organized and sufficiently comply with my role and responsibility in the organization and beyond.

I believe we passed a test on finding our own way to move forward towards development and new achievements.

Once again, I am enormously grateful to our former International Coordinator, StreetNet Founder and my Mentor - Pat Horn for giving me this opportunity to work with her, to learn and to step on the position which requires a high level of responsibility and commitment. I highly appreciate Pat's willingness to always help and advise when we need it even until nowadays.

1. NEW WAYS of doing COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS

StreetNet committed to continue its work in the area of providing negotiations' skills trainings followed by mentorship (virtual) meetings, however we had to adopt to a new reality after the Covid pandemic appeared to find another possible alternative to continue our trainings on strengthening negotiations skills.

Thus, before the Covid pandemic, in the second half of 2019 StreetNet managed to provide the trainings in different countries with financial support of the Solidarity Center AFL-CIO and WIEGO.

Thus, the following affiliates went through a negotiations skills course and even had their virtual mentorship sessions, led by the StreetNet Senior Advisor Pat Horn with involvement of the regional Organizers:

- IDEA – Cambodia (activities done in 2017-2020) also initiated national negotiations on social protection for street vendors and tuk-tuk drivers with their Government, in addition to local level negotiations to resolve the everyday working problems of the workers in these two sectors;
- SLeTU – Sierra Leone (activities done in 2018-2020) went through the workshop financed by the Sol. Center and had a regular monthly virtual discussions with StreetNet Senior Advisor and Regional Organizer on the implementation of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT which SLeTU leaders started to actively push for its implementation on their local places, as this Act stipulates establishing of the Municipal Trade Committees.
- FOTSSIES – Honduras (activities done in 2018-2020) Regional Organizer had several virtual mentoring sessions to follow up their activity. As per very recent information, the affiliate is planning to hold a tripartite and regional meeting to promote the initiative of an inclusive law for the informal economy sector within the framework of social protection.
- FENTRAVIG – Guatemala (activities done in 2019) no virtual mentoring sessions to follow up their activity in this regard due to lack of agreed timeframes for both sides;
- FUTTEINCO – Dominican Rep. (activity done in 2019) went through one negotiations skills workshop financially supported by WIEGO; no virtual mentoring sessions;
- UNICAB – Brazil (activity done in 2019) went through one negotiations skills workshop financially supported by WIEGO; some physical mentoring sessions have been provided by the SNI Regional Organizer on a need basis. However, as per UNICAB report - a “Parliamentary Federal Front in Defense of Labor in the Informal Economy”, has been established which was a result of advocacy efforts by the UNICAB.
- FEPTIWUL – Liberia (activities done in 2016-2020) the organization had a separate country project with Cities Alliance, however the FEPTIWUL leadership

was going through the monthly mentoring Skype sessions to discuss the strategy and work with StreetNet Senior Advisor and Regional Organizer towards the implementation of the MoU signed between the Monrovia Municipality City and the FFEPTIWUL. Unfortunately the internal leadership tension brought the organization to the almost collapsed situation in 2020-2021. However, it is improving now as after the leadership change the organization started to get back on track and demonstrate a gradual reinstatement process including with regard to the negotiation strategies with municipalities and national authorities. A “one-day” dialogue meeting was held at the Ministry of commerce Trade and Industry in August, 2022 on the relocation exercise of the commercial hub of red-light market to the newly constructed Omega market. As per recent developments, there have been some significant improvements in the rights of traders. While it is certain that the MoU signed in 2018 got expired, harassment and other forms of intimidation were very rare in the year 2022. A safe haven has been provided by the Monrovia City Corporation for vendors to get their livelihoods. FEPTIWUL currently reports on a constant engagement with municipal authority and meeting other authorities for a new signing of the new MoU.

- Zimbabwe – Negotiations skills training was done as part of our first joint project with the Solidarity Centre of the AFL-CIO in Harare (2016) and Bulawayo (April 2017). The Affiliate ZCIEA continued to build internal capacity of its members on negotiations skills and organizing strategies, thus, in a longer run, it’s a great example of combination of a strategic capacity and opportunity” to be successfully used by the ZCIEA leadership especially during the Covid pandemic when a massive repression and violence of informal traders took place in Zimbabwe. ZCIEA leadership identified “window of opportunity” to use in better engagement with local authorities and managed to sign a number (at least 12) of Memorandums of Understanding with several municipalities during an intense Covid pandemic stage. It also reported that all ZCIEA 46 territories held dialogue meetings with their local authorities as part of strengthening relationships and influencing the signing of MOUs where they are not yet signed. ZCIEA continues to engage the Ministry of SMEs and Ministry of Labour to support the presence that informal economy workers.

In November 2021 StreetNet Affiliates from Malawi (MUFIS) and Uganda (UMAEU) also informed StreetNet about signed Memorandums of Understanding with local authorities.

Unfortunately, no single negotiations skills course has been conducted within 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions in travel and physical gatherings.

Thus, in cooperation with IFWEA, StreetNet developed online negotiations skills course which was tested with StreetNet Affiliate UGTI-CUT (Unión General de Trabajadores Independientes y de la Economía Informal) from Colombia.

The online training was adjusted during the course itself as it was our first experimental course to be fully run on a virtual basis but it went quite well despite many technical challenges.

A follow-up training has been provided for the UGTI-CUT in August 2022. Regional Organizer Maira Vannuchi facilitated the follow-up training on negotiations skills course which took place in Bogotá city during her field visit to Columbia which was also combined with other meetings with representatives of local municipality, national trade union and other sectors of informal economy workers' organizations.

An interesting update came from the Colombian affiliate about existing national public policy of street vendors (1988/2019), as according to their analysis there were many problems in the public policy. However, some argue that the fact that the policy in theory is concerned with the human rights and dignity of street vendors could be something positive, even though the text of the law brings concepts that are threatening to street vendors, such as the fact that the government declares that its public policy objective is to retake the public space and make economic use of it.

The follow-up training gave the opportunity to the affiliate to prepare a negotiation plan on the National Policy 1988/2019, using the filled in the logical framework collectively, defining their demands in relation to the National Policy 1988/2019.

The case of the affiliate is very important to consider as it is also a “proper” time to use for the informal economy workers and their organizations to strategize on the public policy implementation especially because the political situation is favorable to the advancement of the rights of street vendors and there is a political will to listen to the informal economy workers and hear them and their concerns.

Participation of StreetNet Regional representatives and the affiliate UGTI-CUT in the event “Significant practices of decent work policies for street & market vendors in the Americas. The Medellin case - Colombia”, clearly indicates a more progressive approach of the local municipality and a strong representation of the affiliate in a city.

The seminar dealt with the recent implementation of Decree 0202 of 2022, which makes Decree 042 of 2014, which created a municipal policy for street vendors, possible, but which never had mechanisms to be implemented. The implementation of the decree was the work of the political will of the current City Hall of Medellin, and of the Undersecretary of Public Space in the midst of the national implementation of Public Policy 1988/2019, which provides for municipalities to create municipal policies and instruments for their local implementation.

Before the seminar, StreetNet Regional Organizers held some online conversations with the Undersecretary who invited StreetNet to the seminar and financed its realization, as he demonstrated a big interest in an approach with StreetNet to exchange knowledge and strengthen the participation of workers in the process of implementing the law. The policy even provides for the creation of a participatory committee with the presence of the UGTI and other organizations of street vendors, artisans, market vendors and street

artists from Medellin together with various municipal bodies to create a work plan to implement the policy.

Another interesting, innovative and successful experiment was done for StreetNet affiliate from Sierra Leone. In August – November 2021, StreetNet Senior Advisor Pat Horn (with great support of the Regional Organizer for West and Central Africa, Evelyn Benjamin-Sampson and Media team), facilitated a course for women negotiators members using What'sApp audio messaging communication.

The goal of this activity was to strengthen the capacity of our members to interact with authorities and institutions. However, this was the first course aimed at women negotiators from Sierra Leone exclusively. This course was very adoptable to the participants as many of them attended the training itself directly from their working spaces or their homes.

A participatory approach made this course very practical and contextual which also added more confidence to the participants, empowered them to directly engage with local governments and other possible counterparts.

With regard to India and its National Street Vendors' Policy, called - the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihoods and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, which was passed in 2014, there are no many developments regarding implementation of this Law, according to our affiliate SEWA. Despite the fact, that this is an extraordinary legislation specifically framed for the street vendors, foreseeing Statutory Town Vending Committees established by the Act, the implementation of this law is seen as even a bigger challenge especially if there is no political will for it, in most of the cases of Indian municipality authorities, based on our practice and experience.

According to SEWA, only few states of India gradually progress with established and functioning Town Vending Committees, especially where SEWA has its presence and a strong capacity and consistency to engage with the local authorities.

Very few other countries have such statutory local-level negotiating forums, but most organizations in our sector have engaged authorities in *ad hoc* negotiations of different kinds with different degrees of success.

In most of the countries negotiations happen despite of the pandemic, with a few exceptions. The aims behind the negotiations were: to build markets, improve labor conditions, arrangement of work posts in public space, for the implementation of bio safety protocols and facilities, for food distribution to all workers and emergency grants. They took action also to stop the increase or charge public space and market taxes during the pandemic and with energy and other basic services companies to not charge for the facilities.

Wish StreetNet support during the pandemic, the Affiliates developed in a few countries some economy recovery schemes with public resources as mutual funds and claimed their participation in economic recovery packages to cushion informal sector from Covid virus repercussions of lockdowns. They also struggled against police violence,

harassment and eviction of working places in the public space, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

For this they interacted with the municipalities, the Ministry of Labor, with the national trade union centres, with a National Institute for Women, Municipal councils, councilors of the legislative assembly, with tax collecting authorities, Deputies of the national congress, with the deputy's advisers, political parties and other vendors. Some organizations spoke to the police departments.

StreetNet Regional Affiliates from the South and East Africa received an online series of trainings on negotiations skills, facilitated by Pat Horn, StreetNet Senior Advisor.

We continue to encourage StreetNet affiliates to invite other organisations working in the sector of street vendors or even other sectors of workers in the informal economy to develop joint strategies and strengthen the unity and solidarity. The objective is to capacitate teams of negotiators who can approach their authorities as a united front, which is more effective in achieving results than a fragmented team which is not representative of all the organizations in the relevant sectors.

We are also happy to emphasize that despite the fact that StreetNet still didn't provide the Negotiations skills training for all its affiliates, some of them try to engage and approach their municipality and national authorities with good strategies and even success, like it happened with our affiliated organization FETTEI-CI from Cote d' Ivoire, where it conducted a dialogue with the government on social protection and universal health coverage for workers in the formal economy.

For more engagement with public authority, please refer to the Affiliates Reports.

2. Social protection and its extension to informal economy workers

StreetNet has definitely intensified its work with regard to social protection and its affiliates are visibly getting more active in the area of social protection and its extension to the informal economy workers.

The work of StreetNet on this particular and very important aspect has been strengthened with adopted Resolution on Extension of the Social Protection to the Informal Economy Workers during the last StreetNet Congress in April 2019 which commits StreetNet and all its Affiliates to evolve strategies on SP extension and which can be also supported by the ILO Rec.202 on Social Protection Floors to be more actively and effectively used during the national campaigns and advocacy work on extension of Social protection to all workers.

As many research papers show, in most developed countries, systems of social welfare, social security, and social safety nets have been put in place by governments since the 20th century.

These systems are usually a response to the increasing dissatisfaction of the workers who were affected by the crisis of those period of times, which mean – not fully responsive and adequate for the current realities especially since globalization started.

In 1948, social security was recognized as a basic human right by the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR). Since then, the concept of social security has developed and expanded into the broader right to social protection.

Despite the fact that most of the countries already have social protection programmes in place, they are limited and narrow – usually covering only a certain segment of the society and providing a limited kind of protection.

Especially when the pandemic hit the world, many countries started to practice and get some social protection through informal means, relying on their families, communities, or other informal structures for support during difficult times. However, even such workers-driven mutual-benefiting structures could only secure some immediate support to the members but not really designed for such a long-lasting crisis like what we have been experiencing since 2020. There is a need for re-thinking the approach towards establishing more strategic arrangements of social protection as well as health care for all, including informal economy workers.

The affiliates from different countries and continents develop different ways of providing at least some basic social protection for their members: thought establishing their own membership-driven mutual-benefiting structures, to a more direct way of approaching their national governments or using a mixture of both ways around this issue.

FES (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung) – Zambia implemented its project on a rights-Based Social Protection in several countries in Africa, which involved StreetNet affiliates from around 5 countries. Annie Diouf, StreetNet Treasurer and as the representative of her organization CNTS also actively participated in this project and even was nominated by the StreetNet to be a Member of the Steering Committee of this Project.

The FES-Zambia Project was a good activation of the affiliates' work in the area of social protection and it gave its impulse to more ideas for affiliates to develop their strategy on promotion the social protection extension to all workers in their own countries.

Indeed, StreetNet affiliates started to be very much focused in their advocacy work and capacity building activities on social protection and its extension to informal economy workers.

In 2015, the United Nations endorsed a set of sustainable development goals (the SDGs), which include the implementation of social protection systems as one of the targets to be achieved by 2030. However, it is crucial for StreetNet affiliates to develop their own understanding on social protection based on their experiences and struggles, their current reality and gaps. It is crucial to develop demands and articulate them as well as to directly participate in decision-making processes on issues that relate to them.

Thus, we have developed and implemented a new project jointly with WIEGO and financially supported by the Open Society Foundation on the social security for the informal economy workers in Sub-Saharan Africa. This was a two-year project (which was extended till 2022 due to the pandemic), the objective of which was to intensify the

StreetNet work in this area and help more affiliates to strengthen their knowledge and capacity in promoting social protection for all. The project also aimed to raise awareness among the organizations of informal economy workers regarding the social protection and possible existing schemes among the organizations as well as to share good cases, practices and experience for its further improvement and replication in other countries. Thus, jointly with WIEGO Social Protection Team, led by Laura Alfes, we have developed a great educational course for the African English-speaking Affiliates. This Social Protection Advocacy Course was run in April – May 2022 and consisted of a 2-hour session once a week for the six weeks. A seventh session was added to receive feedback on the strategy document from the participating organizations.

The sessions were facilitated by Laura Alfes (WIEGO) and Nash Tysmans (StreetNet).

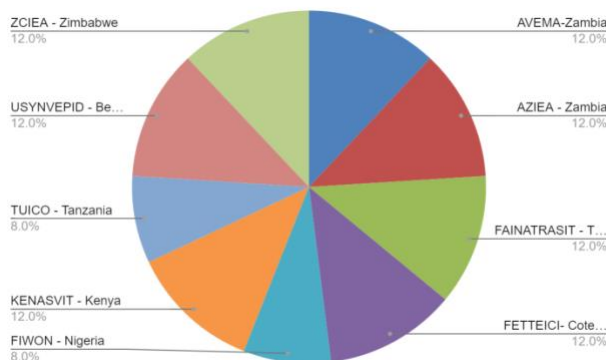
The aims of the course were

- To build the capacity of participants around social protection interventions;
- To explore the difficulties workers in the informal economy, face in achieving social protection;
- To incorporate a perspective into discussions on social protection that takes account different experiences of, and possibilities for, women as well as young workers;
- To develop a strategy for social protection for informal economy workers.

The course was initially developed for six sessions, with provision made for participants to do quite extensive activities in between contact sessions and it was agreed to use a virtual simple interface between the learners and the facilitators.

The course had both -theoretical and practical parts which helped the participants to better understand the whole concept of social protection, such as lifecycle approach to social protection as they help the members in developing their strategy around social protection based on their national context as well as to analyze how it works (or not) in their countries.

Communication allowance support for the affiliates to attend the SP Course



In overall, it was a great pilot course as it revealed many other challenges and concerns our members face as well as how we can advance our educational process, taking into account our main target participants along with other small but very essential details, especially if it is an online training process.

One of the biggest outcomes of the course were developed draft Strategic Plans on social protection by the affiliates who attended the course.

Similar course was held for Francophone StreetNet affiliates which gave StreetNet more understanding of the level of capacity and knowledge of the Affiliates with regard to the social protection issue and how we can move further.

To build and maintain consistency, within the same project we also plan to further elaborate on the activities on social protection and the next big international event is scheduled for June 2023 in Nigeria with involvement of ITUC-Africa and its Affiliates.

There is a big progress and a step ahead in dealing and advocating for social protection extension by most of StreetNet affiliates. It is visible and definitely - on demand. Undouble, we need to continue our investment in social protection area.

In November 2019, during its Congress, the ITUC-Africa organized a side event on social protection and its extension to all workers, which was attended by Annie Diouf as a delegate of StreetNet to both the Congress and the side-event.

The ILO started to put more focus on social protection issue especially when they organized a Global Week on Social Protection for the social partners with a big participation of CSOs, academics and research institutes, in addition to the ILO tripartite stakeholders. I had a chance to attend this Global week event for which I was invited by our partner OXFAM Belgium.

StreetNet took active (virtual) part and made its intervention together with other NETs' and WIEGO delegates at the 109th Session of the ILO Conference in 2021, namely - to articulate our concerns and "demands" during the recurrent discussion on the strategic objective of social protection (social security), under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on social Justice for a Fair Globalization.

3. New Urban Agenda and the Right to the City

Since our detailed discussions about the New Urban Agenda (NUA) in the leadership training starting from 2017, most of our affiliates still do not seem to have a good understanding of the NUA or how it can be used for their demands for more inclusive cities. However, one of our affiliates, FIWON in Nigeria, has been campaigning very actively around the issues in the New Urban Agenda – particularly anti-eviction campaigns.

In November 2019, StreetNet asked Senior Advisor Pat Horn to attend the UCLG Congress which took place in Durban and where Pat Horn had a chance to make a small intervention which was positively received and made some impact on opening the door to more opportunities for the StreetNet to start develop a good strategy towards the issue of inclusive cities and the NUA. The UCLG is a very important partner of Cities Alliance – and for the first time in this Congress, they had managed to introduce the open participation of civil society and other outsiders, by means of what was called the "Town Hall Track" which they were using to promote a focus on informality – both

residential informality (i.e. slums) and economic informality (i.e. informal economy workers) – which has not been part of previous UCLG Congresses.

StreetNet should and is trying to build working relationship with UCLG as we need to work with local governments in our programmes, and it will be very strategic to include UCLG as the local governments' partner structure.

StreetNet is part of the Global Platform of the Right to the Cities (GP2RC) represented so far mainly by StreetNet team members in different thematic groups of the platform to discuss possible framework of cooperation with different organizations and CSOs to develop joint strategies and actions in amplifying our voice in the advocacy work on the Right to the City for all.

Main StreetNet activities on the issue of NUA and the Right to the City so far implemented on promotion of the issue and street vendors' concerns and demands by StreetNet media also participating in virtual global campaign on the Right to the City jointly with GP2RC.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to put aside our planned activities on engagement around the issue of New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Right to the City with our affiliates, however, several webinars have been held on the issue by Pilar Balbuena (responsible for the NUA area) for several StreetNet affiliates from 3 regions.

We hope to resume our activities on urban policy development and to implement our capacity building webinars on better understanding of the role and importance of international instruments, such as NUA and SDGs and how to formulate affiliates' demands on more participatory urban governance which values street vendors and informal traders as integral for sustainable urban development. Several discussions have been made between our operational team and the Director of Urban Program of WIEGO.

In April 2022, StreetNet International, Cities Alliance, and WIEGO (Urban Program Team) came together to plan how to spotlight the stories of Ukraine's women workers, including the self-employed, representatives of feminist organisations operating in Ukraine, and women supporting displaced Ukrainians in refugee shelters abroad. Between July and September, 2022, the project interviewed 18 women who are directly impacted by the ongoing war in Ukraine to determine how the war is affecting women, their incomes and their well-being. The publication highlights the importance of placing women's perspectives at the centre of the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities as despite their active service, women remain largely absent from formal decision-making processes related to peacemaking and rebuilding. As a result, policies and practices do not fully address their priorities or needs. Women's participation and perspectives are vital to the reconstruction of Ukrainian cities.

The publication also contains some recommendations for the local governments in amplifying the women voice during the reconstruction process. StreetNet Affiliate - Free

Trade Union of Entrepreneurs of Ukraine (FTUEU) was very much involved in the project. Cities Alliance also arranged a high-level meeting with top EU Officials to discuss the project outcomes and what can be done in support to the StreetNet affiliates in Ukraine. The meeting took place in February 2023 and StreetNet Regional Organizer Kateryna Yarmolyuck-Kroek attended the meeting and represented StreetNet. The next event is planned for May 2023 as a follow up meeting of this project.

4. Simplified Trade Regimes and Informal cross-border trade

As one of the Strategic goals implementation process, StreetNet International developed and organized a series of webinars between March and June 2021 to discuss in depth the topic of informal cross-border trade, to capacitate affiliates to advocate and negotiate for the rights of informal cross border traders. The project was carried out with all its affiliates in West and Central Africa and in cooperation of StreetNet's partners, including SACBTA (South African Cross Border Trade Association), an experienced partner in the ICBT issues, ITUC Africa (African regional organization of the International trade Union Confederation) OTUWA (Organisation of Trade Unions in West Africa) and ATUMNET (African Trade Union Migration Network) and financed by the Open Society Foundation.

The goal of the webinars was to engage our affiliates in exploring the issues of cross-border trade, enabling them to identify transnational and cross-cutting problems that different trade unions and associations from various countries might have in common; as well as ascertain their particularities and differences. After the end of the webinar series, StreetNet affiliates who shared borders worked together to put their knowledge into practice and advocate for the rights of informal cross-border traders.

The Project was very effective and many of our affiliates managed to build some bridges for a dialogue with their authorities or strengthen their relationship. Some affiliates also got more members in their organizations and strengthened their relationships and unity with other StreetNet affiliates. The cross-border trade issue got its place in some national media outlets to bring public attention to this essential way of livelihood.

Joel Odigie (ITUC-Africa Deputy Secretary General) offered partnering with others to link up SNI affiliates with the ITUC-Africa National centers across Africa. They will continue to offer help to informal economy workers to effectively engage with government officials and relevant counterparts at the cross border government agencies. He also suggested for SNI affiliates to use ITUC platform to address affiliates issues directly with the government across the borders. Currently ITUC is reviewing the global agreements, and encouraged SNI to participate in the process.

John Odah (from OTUWA) thanked SNI for pulling together this 5 webinar course and expressed commitment to do whatever they can to work with the West African sub-region in a concerted effort with their partner organizations in the region.

85 % of the affiliates who attended the webinar course developed a list of demands for advocacy with regard to informal cross border traders and protections of their rights and livelihoods especially while crossing the borders.

One of the important resource documents and a base for the discussion of the informal cross border traders is StreetNet Resolution 34 on Informal Cross-Border Trade which is a guideline for the StreetNet Affiliates in their work on the ICBT.

13 Affiliates identified more than one common borders with other countries where they have informal cross border traders. This exercise was perfectly done by the affiliates themselves after some guidance provided during the permanent communication with StreetNet office team.

9 joint activities of 19 StreetNet Affiliates have been conducted between two affiliates on the same shared border with their customs authority, police departments and other officials from both countries. One negotiations meeting has been done among three affiliates (Burundi + DRC + Rwanda).

All 19 affiliates demonstrated a big commitment towards engagement and advocating for the informal cross border traders and managed to speak to the official governmental representatives as well as to get some of the officials' commitment on further collaboration and dialogue.

StreetNet media developed a series of publication about the activities of all StreetNet affiliates engaged in the ICBT project and reports.

The pedagogical material was developed by StreetNet team as a toolkit for further capacity building of other affiliates with potential intention to replicate similar educational course of other regional affiliates.

A series of multimedia video have been created to raise awareness about StreetNet and its Project on the ICBT in the region of West and Central Africa.

5 follow up activities have been conducted by 8 affiliates within May-December 2022 to strengthen the previous work done in 2021 with regard to the engagement with customs officials on the border of two countries and to follow up on the implementation of the agreed commitments during the first round of negotiation forums.

We plan to replicate this experience in other regions as there is a growing interest towards the issue.

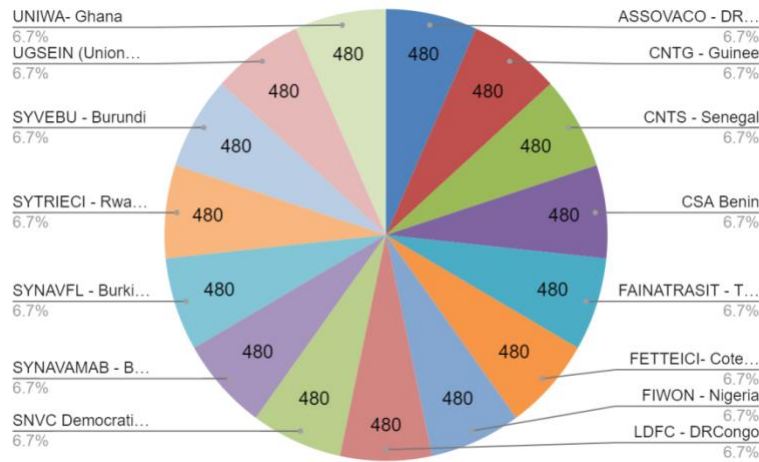
As it was revealed, many affiliates didn't even realize how many cross-border traders they have as their members but due to the project and special data collection from the StreetNet office, the organizations started to collect and maintain special information about their members and what type of goods they sell, which helps to identify the origin of those goods and products they sell inside or outside of their countries.

Due to the budget constraints and the project termination not all affiliates got an opportunity to hold the follow-up activities.

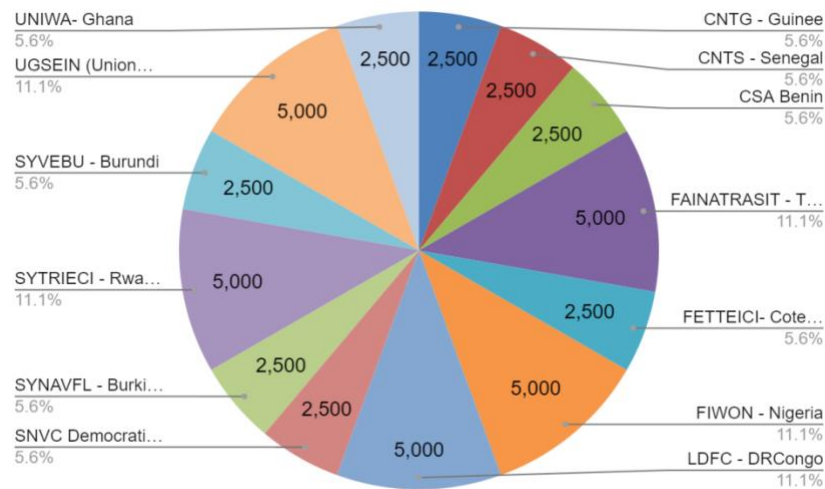
more advanced in their first round of the activities, got an opportunity to hold the second round of the follow-up activities with big success despite some A detailed report and other visual materials can be found under special section:

<https://streetnet.org.za/informal-cross-border-trade/>

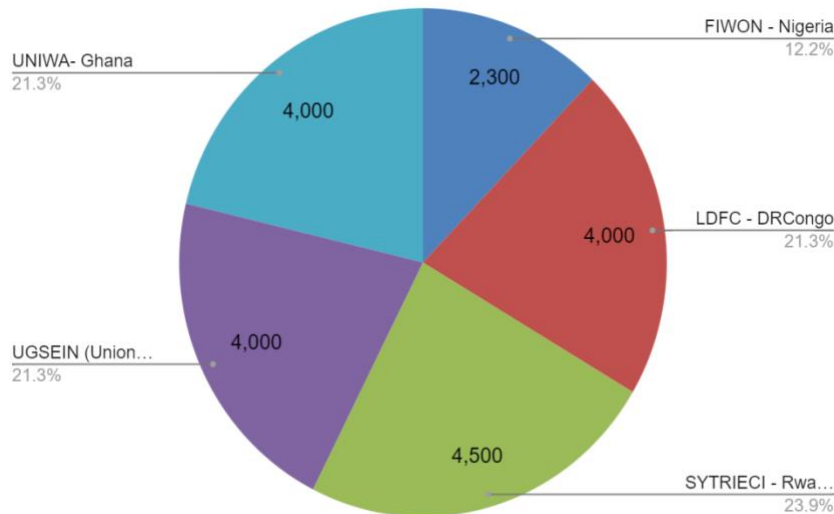
ICBT Project communication support for the Affiliates



ICBT Project activities Round 1



ICBT Project activities Round 2



INTERNATIONAL and REGIONAL impact

Partnerships and networking: StreetNet's international profile is prominent at the ILO (*International Labour Organisation*) and the international trade union movement – ITUC (*International Trade Union Confederation*) and its regional structures in Africa, the Americas (TUCA-CSA) and Eastern Europe, WFTU (*World Federation of Trade Unions*) as well as OATUU (*Organisation of African Trade Union Unity*). We have good relationships with many national trade union centres and many of the Global Union Federations internationally and at regional level – UNI, PSI, ITF, IUF, BWI and IndustriALL. We continue our relationships with solidarity partnerships with sub-regional bodies such as SACBTA (as elaborated above), SATUCC (*African Trade Union & Coordinating Council*), EATUC (*East African Trade Union Confederation*), OTUWA (*Organisation of Trade Unions of West Africa*), Red SEICAP (*Red de los Sindicatos de la Economía Informal de Centro América y Panamá*) and in the ASEAN region through the work we have been doing in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos through our programme with Oxfam.

International Labour Conference: StreetNet International participated at the 108th, 109th, 110th sessions of the ILO in 2019, 2021 and 2022 respectively. The ILC was held in June 2019 and the StreetNet participants attended the Tripartite Committee on Violence and harassment against women and men in the world of work, which discussed the standard-setting document – Convention supplemented by the Recommendation on Elimination of violence and harassment in the world of work.

Based on the outcomes of the StreetNet Congress Parallel Commission on Elimination of violence & harassment in the world of work, StreetNet Office developed a Position document which contained the proposed amendments to be included in the text of upcoming Convention and/or Recommendation. The preparatory process was done in a good collaboration with WIEGO staff, so that we jointly represented the workers in different sectors of the informal economy, as usual.

It should be noted that we have managed to get some of the proposed and very important amendments to be added to the text of the ILO Convention 190 and Recommendation 206 as a result of the StreetNet affiliates' work on the national level as well as StreetNet delegation during the ILO Conference itself when the delegates were actively lobbying and networking trying to convince the Workers and Governments' representatives to be more inclusive and to support the amendments from the informal economy side. It was a real impact and outcomes from the Labour Conference that we can be proud of but to continue strengthening all our affiliates in their ability and capacity to influence the policy and decision-making processes in their countries.

StreetNet is committed to build capacity and raise awareness among its members as for precise role and responsibility of our organizational delegates during the ILO Conferences. It is the highest tripartite international forum of social dialogue and a great platform to network and advocate for the workers' rights and interests. It empowers our delegates and the organizations in general. It opens doors for approaching governments and building dialogue which can be followed at country levels. We need to ensure better preparation and presence at such labour forms.

ILO Recommendation 204 on transition from the informal to the formal economy:

The StreetNet organizing team continues to work hard on trying to encourage StreetNet affiliates to initiate demands to their governments (local and national levels) in line with the provisions of the ILO R204 on transition from the informal to the formal economy. Implementation of the ILO R204 is one of the strategic objectives of the StreetNet which also encompasses some other sub-objectives, such as: Legal Recognition and Protection; Taxation and Administration; Social Solidarity Economy.

Some of our affiliates are finding it difficult to situate their everyday issues and demands in the context of R204. However, it was also identified that many affiliates already do some work in this regard but don't relate it to the provision of the ILO R204 due to its complexity of the language.

StreetNet has developed a Brochure on the main aspects of the R204 to be used by the street vendors' organizations in their advocacy and campaign work, which is also written in a very simple language to be understood by any rank-and-file member.

ILO Convention 190, Rec. 206

Unfortunately for most of informal traders daily harassment and all forms of violence, police intimidation, imprisonment is a reality and always was.

Violence and harassment against women and girls have been growing globally.

There are many national union campaigns on ratification of the ILO Convention 190 on elimination Violence and Harassment in the World of Work but it's our precise international tool to be effectively used. Ratification campaign of the ILO C190 is a great strategy to join efforts with labour movements and building or amplifying the voices of informal economy workers within labour movements.

Unfortunately, until now only 20 countries officially ratified the ILO C190. We need to consider this Convention especially in the context of lack of any legal instruments for protection of our constituency at national level.

Only few affiliates conducted some activities with regard to the ILO C190, however, it is not enough.

Xenophobia and racism also need more attention including in our sector, including among our members and other migrant street vendors. StreetNet Resolution #4 clearly states that as an international organization we are ***“committed to oppose xenophobia and to discourage member organisations from adopting xenophobic policies or practices in relation to foreign nationals from other countries”***.

Social Solidarity Economy (SSE) and R193 - Promotion of Cooperatives Recommendation

StreetNet Resolution 19 (The Social Solidarity Economy) highlights the importance and role of different forms of SSE particularly for informal economy workers. It is a crucial subject and focus area of StreetNet which got its revival and top attention being one of the Item for discussion during the ILO Conference in June 2022.

Cooperatives and other forms of SSE can definitely provide a pathway to formalization for the workers engaged in informal employment. Our role is to continue promotion of the SSE model as an “alternative approach to business” whose main goal is not only financial returns but also social benefits for their members and wider communities.

However, it’s vital to set up and preserve the values and principles of the SSE which are closely linked to decent work and social inclusion and can contribute to the development of a balanced and stable society as well as democracy.

There is always a tricky risk to gradually shift the initial goal of SSE unit in the course of its development, that’s why we need to be vigilant in our initial fundamental principles and goals of establishing different entities of SSE.

StreetNet had several virtual meetings with Simel Esim, the Director of the ILO Coop Unit, who joined our internal team meeting to brainstorm on our own way with regard to SSE units. She emphasized on the role of cooperatives for IE workers and how it can facilitate formalization process.

ILO R193 clearly states that it recognizes that cooperatives operate in all sectors of the economy and that the Recommendation applies to all types and forms of cooperatives. ILO R204 explicitly mentions cooperatives and social and solidarity economy units in the scope of the Recommendation.

Thus, the Conclusion of the ILO Conference on SSE and Decent Work should be effectively used in our advocacy work at different levels.

StreetNet started its discussion with SEWA Federation of Cooperatives to develop a joint course on the SSE with a focus on cooperatives’ creation which is planned for 2023-2024.

Field visits and participation in the international events

Despite the fact that during the Covid-19 pandemic we stopped any international travel from March 2020 and until September 2021, we managed to gradually return to our field visits and physical attendance of international and regional events:

1. Lorraine Sibanda – Switzerland (June 2019) participation in the 108th Session of the ILC;
2. Vorn Pao – Switzerland (June 2019) participation in the 108th Session of the ILC;
3. Oksana Abboud – Switzerland (June 2019) participation in the 108th Session of the ILC;
4. Maira Vannuchi – Dom Republic (August 2019) negotiations skills workshop & field visit;
5. Maira Vannuchi – Cuba (*August 2019*) field visit;
6. Oksana – Moldova (August 2019) field visit;
7. Jane – Togo (September 2019) workshop on Social Protection & field visit;
8. Maira – Guatemala (*September 2019*) negotiations skills workshop & field visit;
9. Oksana – Vietnam (*September/October 2019*) VGCL workshops;
10. Oksana – Brazil (*October 2019*) attending CUT-Brazil Congress;
11. Oksana – Switzerland (November 2019) attending ILO Conference on Social Protection;
12. Maira – South Africa (December 2019) attending the IFWEA General Conference;
13. Oksana – Kenya (*December 2019*) OSF Retreat;
14. Oksana – Laos (December 2019) OXFAM Regional Partners' Workshop;
15. Oksana – South Africa (February 2020) Visit of Durban Office;
16. Oksana Abboud – USA (September 2021) field visit; networking;
17. Pilar Balbuena – USA (September 2021) field visit; networking
18. Oksana Abboud – Barcelona, Spain (October 2021) field visit;
19. Margarida Teixeira – Barcelona, Spain (October 2021) field visit;
20. Maira Vannuchi – Cuba (April 2022) attending exposure course of labour movement;
21. Lorraine Sibanda – Cuba (April 2022) attending exposure course of labour movement;
22. Jane Masta, Evelyn Benjamin -Sampson, Annelene Shahbaz, Margarida Teixeira – Tanzania (May 2022) Regional Meeting of South & East African affiliates;
23. Evelyn Benjamin -Sampson, Irene Doda, Lorraine Sibanda – Senegal (May 2022) Regional Meeting of West & Central African affiliates;
24. Maira Vannuchi, Pilar Balbuena, Annelene Shahbaz – Brazil (May 2022) Regional Meeting of Americas affiliates;
25. Jane Masta, Margarida Teixeira – Namibia, Botswana (June 2022) field visits;
26. Kateryna Yarmolyuk-Kroek – Moldova, Azerbaijan (July 2022) field visits;
27. Lorraine Sibanda – Nepal (July 2022) attending GEFONT Congress;
28. Oksana Abboud – Spain (July 2022) attending WIEGO ORP Advisory Committee;
29. Lorraine Sibanda – South Africa (August 2022) visiting StreetNet Office, field visit;
30. Maira Vannuchi, Pilar Balbuena - Columbia (August 2022) field visit and follow-up negotiations skills training;
31. Maira, Annelene, Margarida, Nash, Evelyn, Pilar, Suvarna, Maya Gurung - India (October 2022) exposure visit;
32. Alberto Santana, Margarida - Mexico (November 2022) attending the WIEGO General Assembly;
33. Maira - South Africa (December 2022) visiting SNI Office to organize educational material;
34. Lorraine, Oksana, Jane, Kateryna, Margarida, Irene - Turkey (January 2023) attending the Outcomes Harvesting Workshop organized by WIEGO;
35. SNI Media Team, Oksana, Nash, Kateryna - France (February 2023) Congress planning meeting & field visit to AMELIOR;
36. Jamalladin Ismayilov, Kateryna - Kazakhstan/Uzbekistan (March 2023) Exposure visit of potential affiliates;

37. Nash Tysmans - Thailand (March 2023) attending the WIEGO Social Protection Conference.

PART II – Consolidation of organisation

Since the launch of StreetNet International in Durban in November 2002, six International Congresses have taken place as follows:

- First International Congress – Seoul, Korea (March 2004)
- Second International Congress – Atibaia, Brazil (August 2007)
- Third International Congress – Cotonou, Benin (August 2010)
- Fourth International Congress – Santiago, Chile (March 2013)
- Fifth International Congress – Delhi, India (October 2016)
- Sixth International Congress - Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan (April 2019)

The organization is now internationally recognized with a tangible presence in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Membership tendency and representation

Since its inception, StreetNet went through different stages of its Ups and Downs in terms of membership growing and StreetNet development in general.

Different global crisis definitely affected the dynamic of our affiliates as well as they are still one of the most vulnerable categories of workers who are not recognized and protected, who suffer evictions and violence on a daily basis.

All of these analysis and concerns have been already reflected in the Affiliate's Report, but I wanted to emphasize on some others aspects of our institutional life.

All StreetNet affiliates believe in unity and collective power, in one strong voice and respect of each other, in women empowerment and youth leadership and it motivates all of us a lot in StreetNet team as we also share the same belief, however, unfortunately, in some cases there is disrespect and not acceptable behavior of our affiliates' leadership towards our team members. StreetNet has an institutional Code of Conduct which defines the ethics and behavior of both - our affiliates and Operational team members.

Such tensions don't feed any healthy environment to work and even to stay in the organization which claims one thing and contradicts in its actions.

We understand ambitions of individual leaders but they should be healthy ambitions for the organizational prosperity but not against it and its policies.

We experience a lot of internal turbulence inside many of our affiliates and mainly - among their top leadership. Unfortunately, such conflicts within leadership, especially when they are based on different political views and personal ambitions, bring the organization either to collapse or to division.

Such tensions usually occur in labour movements and we also have some experience in StreetNet, but it's definitely not a correct and mature strategy because we are not coming to the leadership positions forever, we need to have a succession plans and act for the sake of organization but not personal interests.

Since July 2019 I have started to communicate with StreetNet affiliates on an individual basis with involvement of regional Organizers. It is a good start for me to learn our affiliates better, and I will definitely continue this practice in a near future. So far, I can observe the following undemocratic trends among our affiliates:

- 1. Leaders who act as sole spokespersons for their organizations;**
- 2. Gatekeeping by affiliates' leaders (both men and women leaders);**
- 3. Lack of internal democracy in practice especially regarding regular conduction of the Congresses as per affiliates' Constitutions;**
- 4. Appointment of leaders instead of democratic electoral processes;**
- 5. Misogynistic practice of male leaders removing strong independent women leaders justifying their inability or lack of time to be a "proper leader".**

Women empowerment and youth leadership should be our huge priority. It's our mission to promote and encourage women leadership and their presence at different platforms, their direct voice and participation in decision-making processes inside and outside of their organizations.

StreetNet Constitution is a very solid base to follow this principle and we are committed to continuing to preserve our desire to promote an inclusive approach not letting behind any category of people from our sector.

It is our duty to observe the compliance with StreetNet Constitution and its membership criteria. Unfortunately, we don't have any other sophisticated membership verification mechanism in StreetNet except of collecting affiliates reports where they usually declare their membership numbers, because our work is built on trust and transparency which we would like to continue and rely on a common sense.

Affiliation and membership (as of April 2023)

1	AFFE (Asociación de Feriantes de Ferias Especiales)	City alliance	Montevideo, Uruguay	420 members
2	AEIMO (Associação da Economia Informal de Mocambique)	National Union	Mozambique	19 427 members
3	AMELIOR (Association des Marchés Écologiques Locales Indépendants et Organisés de la Récupération)	City-based	Paris, France	900 members
4	ASSOVACO (Association des Vendeurs Ambulants du Congo)	Regional alliance	Kivu region, DR Congo	7521 members
5	AVEMA (Association of Vendors and Marketeers in Zambia)	National alliance	Zambia	41 387 members
6	AZIEA (Alliance of Zambian Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zambia	11 961 members
7	BOISA (Botswana Informal Sector Association)	National alliance	Botswana	11 690 members
8	CNTG (Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs de Guinée)	National TU centre	Guinee, West Africa	7 981 members
9	CNTS (Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs du Sénégal)	National TU centre	Sénégal	20 004 members
10	CTCP-FNT (Confederación de los Trabajadores por su Cuenta Propia)	National Union	Nicaragua	25 000 members
11	CSA (Confederation des Syndicats Autonomes du Benin)	National TU centre	Benin	2 612 members
12	FAINATRASIT (Faitière National Travailleurs du Secteur Informel Togo)	National federation	Togo	25 000 members
13	FENAVEMER (Federación Nacional de vendedores/as y trabajadores/as de los mercados Dominican Republic)	National federation	Dominican Republic	6821 members
14	FENATSEA (Federación Nacional de Trabajadores del Sector Autónomo)	National federation	Costa Rica	1136 members
15	FENSTACHS (Federação Nacional de Sindicatos de Trabalhadores Industria Alimentar, Comercio, Hotelaria, Turismo e Similares)	National federation	Angola	28 900 members
16	FENTRAVIG (Federación Nacional Trabajadores y Vendedores Independientes de Guatemala)	City alliance	Guatemala	5000 members
17	FEPTIWUL (Federation Petty Traders & Informal Workers Unions of Liberia)	National union	Liberia	10 500
18	FETTEI-CI (Fédération des Travailleuses et Travailleurs de l'Économie Informelle de Côte D'Ivoire) Cote d'Ivoire	National union	Côte d'Ivoire	5 200 members
19	FESTIVES (Federación Sindical de Trabajadores Independientes Vendedores de El Salvador)	National federation	El Salvador	12 950 members
20	FIWON (Federation of Informal Workers' Organisations of Nigeria)	National alliance	Nigeria	25 000 members
21	FNOTNA (Federación Nacional de Organizaciones de Trabajadores No	National Union	Mexico	25 000 members

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22	FOTSSIEH (Federación de Organizaciones del Sector Social y Informal de la Economía de Honduras)	National alliance	Honduras	2000 members
23	FTUEU (Free Trade Union of Entrepreneurs of Ukraine)	National union	Ukraine	20 060 members
24	FUTRAND (Federación Unica de Trabajadores No Dependientes)	National Union	Venezuela	3 992 members
25	FUTTEINCO (Federación Unitaria de Trabajadores del Turismo, Economía Informal, Comercio y Afines)	National Federation	Dominican Republic	1 760 members
26	IDEA (Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Associations)	National union	Cambodia	1998 members
27	KENASVIT (Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders)	National alliance	Kenya	12000 members
28	Khathang Tema Baits'okoli	National organization	Lesotho	10 109 members
29	KOSC (Korean Street Vendors Confederation)	National alliance	South Korea	3000 members
30	Kyrgyzstan Commercial Workers' Union	National union	Kyrgyzstan	9 980 members
31	LDFC (Ligue pour le Droit de la Femme Congolaise)	3-Province alliance	Dem. Republic of Congo	8520 members
32	LAIE (Labour in Informal Economy)	National union	Bangladesh	5250 members
33	Moldova Business Sind	National union	Moldova	1012 members
34	MUFIS (Malawi Union for the Informal Sector)	National union	Malawi	17 200 members

35	NEST (Nepal Union of Street Traders)	National union	Nepal	6 500 members
36	NIDAWU (Namibian Domestic & Allied Workers' Union)	National union	Namibia	500 members
37	SAITA (South African Informal Traders' Alliance)	National alliance	South Africa	39 744 members
38	SCWU (Self-employed and Commercial Workers' Union of Georgia)	National union	Georgia	621 members
39	SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association)	National union	India	21 000 members
40	SINTRALOC (Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Independientes Ambulantes del Transporte y Anexos)	National union	Chile	3758 members
41	SleTU (Sierra Leone Traders Union)	National Union	Sierra Leone	30 225 members
42	SNVC (Syndicat National des Vendeurs du Congo)	National union	DR Congo	12000 members
43	Street Vendor Project	City alliance	New York, USA	2892 members
44	SYNAMAVAB-UNSTB	Union	Bénin	10 500 members
45	SYNAVFL (Syndicat National des Vendeurs des Fruits et Legumes)	National union	Burkina Faso	6410 members
46	SYTRIECI (Syndicat des Travailleurs Independents de l'Economie Informelle)	National union	Rwanda	6 872 members
47	SYVEBU (Syndicat des vendeurs de Rue du Burundi)	National union	Burundi	3 600 members
48	TUICO (Tanzania Union of Industrial & Commercial Workers)	National union	Tanzania	3 700 members
49	UGSEIN (Union Générale des Syndicats Economie Informelle Niger)	National TU Center	Niger	30 000 members
50	UGTI-CUT (Unión General de Trabajadores Independientes y de la Economia Informal)	National union	Colombia	12 000 members
51	UMAEU (Uganda Markets & Allied Employees Union)	National union	Uganda	6 181 members
52	UNIWA (National Trade Union for informal Economy Workers)	National union	Ghana	30 000 members
53	UNICAB (União d Trabalhadores Ambulantes, Feriantes e Camelôs do Brasil)	National alliance	Brazil	7000 members
54	USYNVEPID-CSPIB	Union	Bénin	2800 members
55	Vmeste (Belarus Trade Union "Together")	National union	Belarus	870 members
56	Xhidmat-ISH	National union	Azerbaijan	5300 members
57	ZCIEA (Zimbabwe Chamber of Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zimbabwe	22 500 members

Total Membership: 656 264

Membership growth

StreetNet's membership was always on its growth and fall, however we are gradually increasing our membership.

A big membership loss can be observed during the Covid pandemic, that's why more efforts and focus needs to be put towards organizing and recruiting activities:

	2016	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL membership	612 999	490 453	559 802	727 669	664 244	656 264
Americas	133 782	68 039	81 260	82 599	92 575	109 729
Asia	114 713	113 813	114 176	114 176	34 044	37 748
S & E Africa	131 114	140 323	158 386	317 086	230 550	225 299
W & C Africa	179 007	113 996	167 299	176 784	271 092	244 745
Europe & C Asia	44 383	53 382	37 342	37 024	35 983	38 743

Since the last Congress, StreetNet accepted 5 new affiliated organizations with whom we had precious communication.

StreetNet Extension:

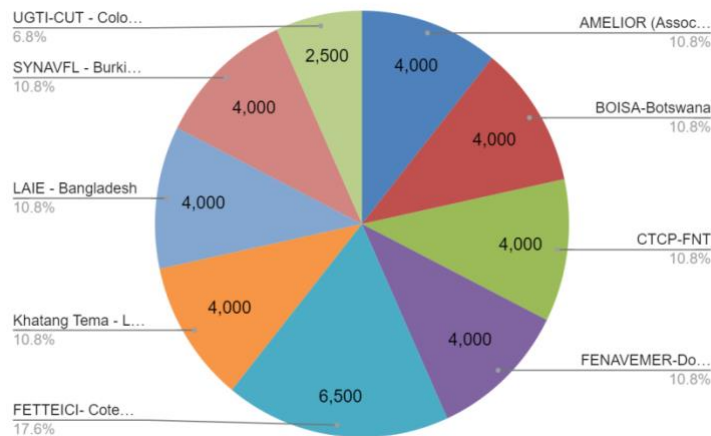
Within last years we have received several letters from different organizations asking for StreetNet membership (Zimbabwe, Kenya, Niger, Tunis) however, we are in the process of verification about their representation status and compliance with StreetNet criteria.

Our further strategy on extension and StreetNet presence is very clear and we have several potential organizations (Argentina (UTEPA), Cuba (SNTCGS), Philippine, Vietnam, Congo-Brazzaville) and maintain our communication with them until they are ready to join StreetNet family and to be in compliance with our requirements.

StreetNet is committed to strengthen its all affiliates but we need to be consistent and effective, we need **to analyze and monitor our influence level, develop and maintain accurate data and statistics, invest in recruiting and mobilizing new members.**

Only few affiliates submitted their country activities proposal on organizing and mobilizing activities. StreetNet had some limited budget from the SIDA funds and managed to provide some support on Organizing activities to several affiliates in early 2023:

SreetNet support for Organizing activities



Regional Focal Points and consolidation:

I can proudly note that all five StreetNet Regional Focal Points (RFPs) started to activate their functional roles and demonstrate a much better horizontal coordination and/or communication among the regional affiliates with support of StreetNet regional Organizers. We could notice this improvement since our Extraordinary Council Meeting in November 2020, when all RFP Coordinators presented the regional reports and committed their role to act according to the defined ToR of the StreetNet RFP.

There are still many challenges with establishing a proper communication, reaching each affiliate especially in Asian region, however, we need to be more inventive and find different approaches towards different affiliates in different regions and countries.

We see gradual integration of RFPs into StreetNet life and I would like only to encourage all our RFPs to continue their commitment and show even better performance especially when more regional coordination and unity is needed and expected.

All five StreetNet Regional Focal Points (RFPs) operate in their own way, however, we need to ensure that RFPs clearly understand their important roles in StreetNet structural arrangements and regional space for the affiliates to discuss and develop their regional strategies but not to create new controversial issues for future internal tension and misunderstandings.

I believe it's a need to do some evaluation process of all our RFPs and their effectiveness as well as challenges to come up with summary analysis as our RFPs remain to play a strategic sustainability role for the StreetNet, thus, they need to be strong, empowered and reliable in coordinating the region efficiently.

Within 2019-2020 all our RFPs' coordinators had gone through a joint virtual training as well as some individual mentorship meetings with International Coordinator and Regional Organizers.

A current state of RFPs in StreetNet is as following:

1. AMERICAS

FESTIVES from El Salvador is a RFP for the Americas region.

FESTIES conducts RFP Meetings using different means of communication, and gradual moving to Zoom virtual program really improved its quantitative participation of the regional affiliates. StreetNet Regional Organizer provided needed assistance to the FESTIVES leadership in holding proper meetings and ensuring a good quality Minutes of those meetings.

1	AFFE (Asociación de Feriantes de Ferias Especiales)	City alliance	Montevideo, Uruguay	420 members
2	CTCP-FNT (Confederación de Trabajadores por Cuenta Propia)	National union	Nicaragua	25 000 members
3	FENATSEA (Federación Nacional de Trabajadores del Sector Autónomo)	National federation	Costa Rica	1 136 members
4	FENAVEMER (Federación Nacional de vendedores/as y trabajadores/as de los mercados Dominican Republic)	National federation	Dominican Republic	6821 members
5	FENTRAVIG (Federación Nacional Trabajadores y Vendedores Independientes de Guatemala)	City alliance	Guatemala	5 000 members
6	FESTIVES (Federación Sindical de Trabajadores Independientes Vendedores de El Salvador)	National Federation	El Salvador	12 950 members
7	FNOTNA (Federación Nacional de Organizaciones de Trabajadores No Asalariados)	National Union	Mexico	25 000 members
8	FOTSSIEH (Federación de Organizaciones de Trabajadores del Sector Social y Informal de Economía Honduras)	National alliance	Honduras	2000 members
9	FUTRAND (Federación Unica de Trabajadores No Dependientes)	National Union	Venezuela	3 992 members
10	FUTTEINCO (Federación Unitaria de Trabajadores del Turismo, Economía Informal, Comercio y Afines)	National Federation	Dominican Republic	1 760 members

11	SINTRALOC (Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores Independientes Ambulantes del Transporte y Anexos)	National union	Chile	3 758 members
12	Street Vendor Project	City alliance	New York, USA	2 892 members
13	UGTI-CUT (Unión General Trabajadores Independientes y de la Economía Informal)	National union	Colombia	12 000 members
14	UNICAB (União d Trabalhadores Ambulantes, Feriantes e Camelôs do Brasil)	National alliance	Brazil	7000 members

TOTAL regional membership: 109 729 members

2. ASIA

The Regional Focal Point for Asia is currently under NEST from Nepal. There is a need to improve the horizontal communication in the region, thus the assistance from GEFONT (National Trade Union from Nepal) is still expected and appreciated.

1	IDEA (Independent Democracy of Informal Economy Associations)	National union	Cambodia	1998 members
2	KOSC (Korean Street Vendors Confederation)	National alliance	South Korea	3000 members
3	LAIE (Labour in Informal Economy)	National union	Bangladesh	5 250 members
4	NEST (Nepal Union of Street Traders)	National union	Nepal	6 500 members
5	SEWA (Self-Employed Women's Association)	National union	India	21 000 members

TOTAL regional membership: 37 748 members

3. EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

This region's Regional Focal Point is run by the affiliate from Moldova – Moldova - Business Sind, which has made a promising start with the regional coordination and communication, supported by the national trade union centre to which they are affiliated.

The Coordinator of RFP is using different ways of maintaining communication among the regional affiliates, however, still keeping communicating with the affiliates on individual basis.

With support of the Regional Organizer the RFP meetings have been held on a regular basis.

1	FTUEU (Free Trade Union of Entrepreneurs of Ukraine)	National union	Ukraine	20 060 members
2	Kyrgyzstan Commercial Workers' Union	National union	Kyrgyzstan	9980 members
3	Moldova Business Sind	National union	Moldova	1012 members
4	SCWU (Self-employed and Commercial Workers' Union of Georgia)	National union	Georgia	621 members
5	Vmeste (Belarus Trade Union "Together")	National union	Belarus	870 members
6	Xhidmat-ISH	National union	Azerbaijan	5 300 members
7	AMELIOR (Association des Marchés Écologiques Locales Indépendants et Organisés de la Récupération)	City based	Paris, France	900 members

TOTAL regional membership: 38 743 members

4. SOUTHERN & EAST AFRICA

The Regional Focal Point for the Southern & East region is TUICO from Tanzania since May 2019. A newly appointed coordinator by TUICO started to actively integrate into RFP role and demonstrates a very progressing results in maintaining the communication within the region despite language difficulties for two Lusophone affiliates which StreetNet office is assisting with and a general performance is only improving as StreetNet hired a Portuguese interpreter who will help now with communication.

Regular meetings started to be conducted in Zoom platform with support of the StreetNet Regional Organizer. The Minutes are produced on a regular basis and the region visibly works in unity and a regular communication.

1	AEIMO (Associação da Economia Informal de Moçambique)	National Union	Mozambique	19 427 members
2	AVEMA (Association of Vendors and Marketeers in Zambia)	National Alliance	Zambia	41 387 members
3	AZIEA (Alliance of Zambian Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zambia	11 961 members
4	BOISA (Botswana Informal Sector Association)	National Alliance	Botswana	11 690 members
5	FENSTACHS (Federação Nacional de Sindicatos dos Trabalhadores da Industria Alimentar, Comercio, Hotelaria, Turismo e Similares)	National federation	Angola	28 900 members
6	KENASVIT (Kenya National Alliance of Street Vendors and Informal Traders)	National alliance	Kenya	12 000 members
7	Khathang Tema Baits'okoli	National organization	Lesotho	10 109 members
8	MUFIS (Malawi Union for the Informal Sector)	National union	Malawi	17 200 members
9	NIDAWU (Namibian Domestic & Allied Workers' Union)	National union	Namibia	500 members
10	SAITA (South African Informal Traders' Alliance)	National alliance	South Africa	39 744 members
11	TUICO (Tanzania Union of Industrial & Commercial Workers)	National union	Tanzania	3 700 members
12	UMAEU (Uganda Markets & Allied Employees Union)	National union	Uganda	6 181 members
13	ZCIEA (Zimbabwe Chamber of Informal Economy Associations)	National alliance	Zimbabwe	22 500 members

TOTAL regional membership: 225 299 members

5. WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA

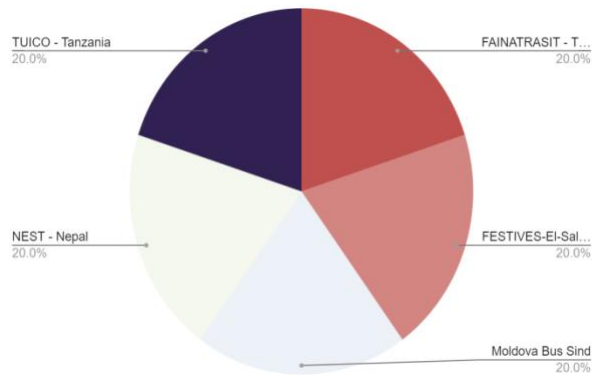
FAINATRASIT is the Regional focal point organization, based in Togo. This RFP was one of the most established and experienced RFPs, but still has language challenges (languages, poor access to internet & connection) trying to operate according to the ToR of the RFP, and to play a coordinating role in the region. Regular meetings have been conducted by assistance of the StreetNet Regional Organizer.

1	ASSOVACO (Association des Vendeurs Ambulants du Congo)	Regional alliance	Kivu region, DR Congo	7521 members
2	CNTG (Confédération Nationale de Travailleurs de Guinée)	National TU centre	Guinee, West Africa	7981 members
3	CNTS (Confédération Nationale des Travailleurs du Sénégal)	National TU centre	Sénégal	20 004 members
4	CSA (Confederation des Syndicats Autonomes du Benin)	National TU Center	Benin	2612 members
5	FAINATRASIT (Faitière Nationale Travailleurs du Secteur Informel du Togo)	National federation	Togo	25 000 members
6	FEPTIWUL (Federation Petty Traders & Informal Workers Unions of Liberia)	National union	Liberia	10 500 members
7	FETTEI-CI	National union	Côte d'Ivoire	5200 members
8	FIWON (Federation of Informal Workers' Organisations of Nigeria)	National alliance	Nigeria	25 000 members
9	LDFC (Ligue pour le Droit de la Femme Congolaise)	3-Province Alliance	Dem. Rep. of Congo	8520 members
10	SleTU (Sierra Leone Traders Union)	National Union	Sierra Leone	30 225 members
11	SNVC (Syndicat National des Vendeurs du Congo)	National Union	Dem. Rep. of Congo	12000 members
12	SYNAMAVAB-UNSTB	Union	Bénin	10 500 members
13	SYNAVFL (Syndicat National des Vendeurs des Fruits et Legumes)	National union	Burkina Faso	6410 members
14	SYTRIECI (Syndicat des Travailleurs Independents de l'Economie Informelle)	National union	Rwanda	6872 members
15	SYVEBU (Syndicat des vendeurs de Rue du Burundi)	National union	Burundi	3600 members
16	UGSEIN (Union Générale des Syndicats Economie Informelle Niger)	National TU centre	Niger	30 000 members
17	UNIWA (National Trade Union for informal Economy Workers)	National union	Ghana	30 000 members
18	USYNVEPID-CSPIB	Union	Bénin	2800 members

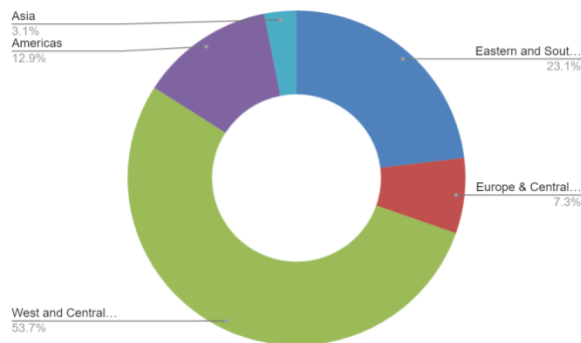
TOTAL regional membership:

244 745 members

StreetNet support to the RFPs in 2020-2022:



Provided support per region (2020-2023):



Governance structures and leadership

StreetNet's structures of democratically elected leadership are functioning effectively, in accordance with the provisions of the StreetNet Constitution.

The **International Council** has met six times since the Sixth International Congress held in April 2019:

International Council Meetings within June 2019 - May 2023:

29-30 May 2019	Physical Council Meeting (Lome, Togo)
10 – 11 March 2020	Physical Council Meeting (Montevideo, Uruguay)
25/26 November 2020	Virtual Extraordinary Council Meeting
25/26 March 2021	Virtual Annual Council Meeting
16-18 August 2022	Physical Council Meeting (Accra, Ghana)
2 May 2023	Physical Council Meeting (Kigali, Rwanda)

The **Executive Committee** has met, physically and by teleconference, on regular quarterly basis as required, on the following dates:

28 May 2019	Physical Meeting (Lome, Togo)
20 August 2019	Teleconference
15 November 2019	Teleconference
9 March 2020	Physical Meeting (Montevideo, Uruguay)
20 May 2020	Teleconference
27 August 2020	Teleconference
18 November 2020	Teleconference
5 March 2021	Teleconference
25 May 2021	Teleconference
26 August 2021	Teleconference
16 November 2021	Teleconference
18 February 2022	Teleconference
31 May 2022	Teleconference
15 August 2022	Physical Meeting (Accra, Ghana)
23 November 2022	Teleconference
1 May 2023	Physical Meeting (Kigali, Rwanda)

The **Finance Review Panel** held its meetings virtually on the following dates:

- 13 May 2019;
- 27 July 2020;
- 11 November 2020.
- 22 April 2021;
- 22 December 2021;
- 2 June 2022;
- 8 August 2022;
- September 2022 - informal meeting
- 7 December 2022;
- 20 December 2022.

Operational capacity and administration

I am grateful to all the StreetNet International Council Members who show their loyalty and support to me and towards all the StreetNet team members, working in synergy and full understanding of existing challenges, trying to support where possible, suggest where needed and praise where deserved.

I believe, we have developed from the office a very efficient internal communication with StreetNet leadership, especially with our Executive Committee Members .

Despite still existing connection challenges and some language barriers we have found the most suitable option/s to communicate at different levels of our operational work and there is a big progress in this challenging area for all of our leadership and affiliates. I appreciate our fruitful cooperation with our Leadership as your valuable input, suggestion and constructive criticism is always helping us to improve and move forward as well as to find the best solution in our hectic work and evolution process.

The working relationship between the office and the President has been strong and supportive, and we have been able to do a lot of work and planning together. The relationship with the Vice-President and the Secretary developed to a great level of communication and mutual support. The Vice-President is executing his role as a Chair of the Human Resource Committee in his best quality and manner and the Secretary is extremely supportive in the overall work as well as very committed to his role as a Chair of the Disciplinary Commission.

The Sub-Committee on Worker Education, has already extended to four members, Annie Diouf and Gabriela Calandria, Namrata Ben, Wisborn Malaya, worked actively with the support of Maira Vannuchi, who started to be partly responsible for the Workers' Education strategy in StreetNet. The Educational Strategy has been developed and will be discussed with the affiliates in a near future.

This work is still ongoing.

The Sub-Committee on Discipline, with three members, Jamal Ismayilov, Komi Kessouagni and Iryna Yaskevich had received a written request from StreetNet Executive Committee to consider the case of non-proper behaviour and verbal harassment from the leader of our affiliate in Brazil and a staff member who complained to the International Coordinator and the Vice-President to seek support and protection. The case was discussed and the Conclusion was sent to the Executive Committee for proper actions.

The Human Resources Sub-Committee went through 2 training session in early 2021 and convened three meetings to consider requests from the Team Representatives. To build more consistency, I would like to reinforce a request of the previous International Coordinator to consider needs to be given of having the Human Resources Sub-Committee as a permanent commission/sub-committee with members who are retained for their identifiable skills in human resource management, not brought in after each election simply because they are current members of the International Council.

StreetNet's operational work is done by the following **staff team**:

1. International Coordinator (full-time) – Oksana Abboud
2. Financial Administrator (full-time) – Annelene Shahbaz
3. Admin and Finance Assistant (part-time) – Suvarna Ragunan
4. Strategy and Education Development Planner/Organiser (full-time) – Maira Vannuchi
5. Organiser (full-time) – Jane Masta
6. Organizer (full-time) – Evelyn Benjamin-Samson

7. Organiser (full-time) – Nastasia Tysmans
8. Organiser/Legal Consultant (part-time) – Kateryna Yarmolyuk-Kröck
9. Communication & Media Manager (part-time) – Margarida Teixeira
10. Media Assistant (part-time Consultant) – Irene Doda
11. Consultant on Digital Communication Expertise (part-time Consultant) – Eleni Rozali
12. Global Advocacy, Strategist & Informal Economy Analyst (part-time Consultant) – Pilar Balbuena
13. Organizer (part-time) - Patrick Kane
14. Office caretaker (part-time) – Mdu Phenyane

The team of StreetNet, especially since the second half of the last year, started to extend as we have got a 5 -year grant from a new donor – Ford Foundation, which allowed us to bring additional human resources to our team, expand our focus areas and activities. But, again, we have to be strategic and admit that StreetNet is still not a self-sufficient membership-based organization but still a donor-driven one, that's why we should recognize that after the donor's funds finish in 5 or more years, we need to be able to sustain ourselves, including – to sustain our operational team. At the same time, it is essential to ensure our commitment to the labour movement and not to lose its nature as there is always a risk to become a traditional NGO which functions from one project to another, hiring temporally consultants for a specific period of time. However, it is our current reality so far, as all other like-minded global organizations representing informal economy workers function in a very similar way as we do.

I believe we have to persist with the same strategy of keeping our operational team not very big but invest in its development and improvement along with strengthening and capacitating our affiliates in StreetNet. As practice shows, it is extremely important to strengthen our small team with different additional or new skills and set of knowledge to become very efficient and to be able to provide a qualified advice to all our affiliates and beyond.

Since a new grant gave us more possibilities to do focus on some other important area of work, we were able to hire new Consultant Kateryna Yarmolyuk-Kroek (who is a specialized lawyer on labour issues) to focus on existing legal instruments at international, regional and local levels which could be analyzed and used by our affiliates in their advocacy work in their countries. Kateryna is working closely with WIEGO Legal Program Department. At the same time Kateryna is a part-time StreetNet Organizer responsible for the European and Central Asian regions.

I am also proudly emphasizing out Communication and Media team led by our great Media Manager Margarida Teixeira. It is a great role our media plays in implementation of StreetNet strategic goals and brings the voice of our members to be more visible and heard.

I also believe that any membership-based organization needs to have a proper media strategy to fulfill its goals and promote the organization and its work at different levels. In such a way we hired two consultants to assist Margarida who so successfully and

precisely apply their professional skills in StreetNet media work at the same time bringing new initiatives on organizational development.

We also managed to hire an assistant for our Finance and Admin Manager Annelene Shahbaz, who definitely needed some support. A new part-time Assistant Suvarna Ragunan is also based in Durban (South Africa) which is a big advantage as Annelene can get a direct assistance from Suvarna especially when they meet in StreetNet headquarter office in Durban on a regular basis.

One more Consultant on Global Advocacy, Strategy & Informal Economy Analysis is Pilar Balbuena who used to assist our Regional Organizer Maira in the Americas region for the last 1,5 years but at the same time working with WIEGO Urban Policy Program, started to have a direct Contract with StreetNet since April 2022.

Since January 2022, two of our team members – Maira Vannuchi and Margarida Teixeira proved to be enough qualified and had been promoted in StreetNet grading system to the Managerial Grade 9. They also received some additional new responsibilities and supervisory roles. I believe StreetNet should be a healthy space for self-development for any team member and eventually recognize the valuable input in organizational growth.

At the same time, I have to highlight that StreetNet team is friendly, regularly engage with their respective affiliates, committed and work in a very dynamic coordination, which I appreciate very much.

Funds and Fundraising

The following funding contracts in January 2020 – March 2027:

SIDA via WIEGO	April 2020 to March 2023 April 2023- March 2027	Core funds for 2023/2025 & programs
OSF	Jan. 2020- Dec.2022	Program activity on Cross-Border Trade & Core funds for 2020/2021
Ford Foundation (via WIEGO)	May 2021 – April 2026	Core funds for 2021-2025 and program activities
Oxfam	Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2026	Project funds for food security in ASEAN region, focusing on Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam
OSF (Emergency Fund)	May 2020 – extended till Dec. 2022	Economic Recovery Plans activities, communication & website development
OSF (via WIEGO Social Protection Program)	Nov. 2019 – extended till Dec. 2022	Project on extension of social protection in Sub-Saharan African countries

When Covid pandemic hit the world, we were able to negotiate with the OSF and receive some Emergency funds to directly support the affiliates, providing Communication allowances (since all the members had to moved for virtual communication and activities) and later, with support of WIEGO, we were able to receive a 5-year grand with Ford Foundation. We also continue our partnership with SIDA as the project was renewed in 2023 again till 2027. The funds have been managed through WIEGO. This allowed us to hire more people to develop a good operational system and communication with our affiliates.

We are secured in StreetNet with the financial resources for the next at least 3 years, however, it doesn't mean we can relax as our fundraising activity should continue and become part of regular exercise. Leadership participation in the StreetNet fundraising is also critically important and will be more valued afterward.

StreetNet Properties/offices

1. Unit 101 Dinvir Center ,123 Joe Slovo St., Durban, South Africa

We acquired this property in 2016. It is a sectional titled owed property. We currently have two tenants renting office spaces from us (Focus planning Solutions and SASEWA). The building is in a very poor condition and we have been having endless problems with the body corporate. This has become a matter of concern with the Auditors as well as we have not been paying levies due to no invoice being received with proper banking details.

Since COVID the tenants have been impacted, and we had to write off some of their rentals during this period. We plan on selling the property during this year and hope to get back what we paid for the property.

2. 45 Claribel Road, Windermere, Durban, South Africa

This property was acquired in December 2022. We approached the Ford Foundation and asked if we can purchase a building with some of the funds allocated to StreetNet. It's a stand-alone building . We will also rent out a portion of the building to enable us to sustain ourselves in the future should we not have donor funds to pay our municipality bills and maintain the building.

Focus Planning Solution has showed an interest to move with us to a new property as our tenant.

Publicity, media and documentation

Since the moment StreetNet hired a dedicated Media Officer Margarida Teixeira in June 2020, the media work in StreetNet rapidly started to remarkably flourish as within such a small period of time a new Media Officer demonstrated her excellent professional skills and capacity to bring a lot of initiative and implement a lot of projects with regard to Media, Communication and Youth initiatives.

I just want to note that we never should diminish or underestimate the work of effective Media and Communication in Membership-based organizations. Kudos to StreetNet Media and Communication Team!

Full report of Media work has been already added to your documents.

PART III – Strategic Challenges facing StreetNet

StreetNet still faces similar challenges to the ones we identified at the Fourth and Fifth StreetNet International Congresses, with our internal challenges still outweighing our external challenges.

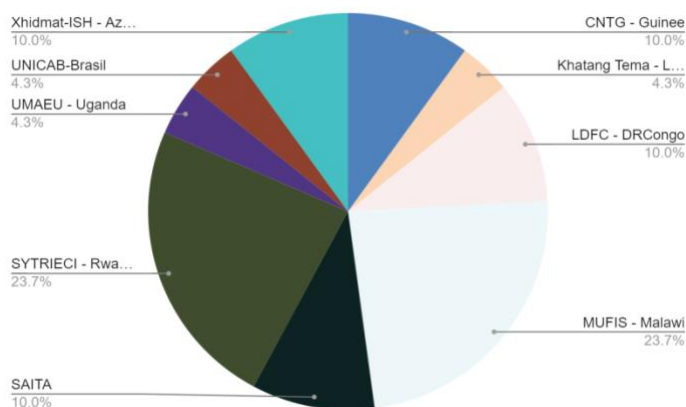
INTERNAL CHALLENGES

Developing the capacity of StreetNet affiliates

Identifying and recruiting the most representative organizations in each country: As mentioned above under “membership growth” we need to remain outward-looking and continue to strive to represent the most representative organizations of the poorest workers in our sector of the informal economy. This sometimes means persuading our affiliates (*who are not always the most representative in the country, and sometimes not even of the poorest workers in the sector*) to unite and work with other organizations they may be competing with.

Integrating youth into the organization: There has been some progress in this regard as we have started to collect more disaggregated by age data and a Youth project has been implemented as a testing one in 2021-2022. A constitutional provision enables the establishment of an International Youth Committee, however, until this Congress we are not ready for this structure to start proper functioning. We need to have an efficient Committee but this requires more preparatory work and investment.

Youth Reporters Project:



Integrating vendors with disabilities into the organization: There has been some slow progress in this regard as few affiliates have reported strengthened organizational activities involving street vendors and informal traders with disabilities, but this still needs more work and focus.

Internal democracy: We have continued our efforts to support the building of internal democracy and strong women's leadership in all our affiliates, to identify and note the gate-keeping practices, and marginalization of weaker workers in our sector. Unfortunately it is still the case which was also highlighted by the previous coordinator Pat Horn and which often undermines the level of internal democracy.

Leadership and worker control organization

Class composition: StreetNet still faces a class imbalance in leadership profile, identified at the previous International Congresses. To address the Class issue and identity, we have conducted two-session training for our Leadership and the Team and another training on political identity for the operational team to remind the importance of preserving the attention on a genuine StreetNet constituency considering the Founding Policies on Class and Gender.

EXTERNAL CHALLENGES

Future of work

A rapidly growing development of new technologies challenges millions on formal jobs which eventually has both positive & negative impact on workers in the informal economy. With regard to on-line platforms, access and control is biased towards more dominant and powerful and wealthy stakeholders – although the potential exists for informal economy workers to use them in positive ways. Robotics & artificial intelligence are likely to have indirect impact in the foreseeable future, as those who lose jobs are likely to seek self-employment opportunities in the informal economy.

Organizing and mobilizing new members should be one of the affiliates' priorities as well as building alliances with other workers organizations.

The challenge for StreetNet's members is to anticipate the changes in the world of work and remain one step ahead in the practice of viable new collective innovations.

Climate change, conflicts and wars

The economic and social crisis that we are currently experiencing worldwide is worsened by adverse climate change effects. More than ever each of us started to feel the climate change effect and mainly its negative impact on informal traders and street vendors.

It's a crucial time for all of us to discuss the issue of climate change and any natural disasters as well as conflicts and wars, as we need to develop a proper strategy and action plan for addressing the challenges, especially if they directly impact our members, their lives and livelihoods.

StreetNet Resolution on Climate Change and Recycling should be strengthened with a proper advocacy strategy to mitigate the potentially devastating risks and impact on our constituency.

CONCLUSION – Moving forward towards success

It seems the world is adopting to new realities where we all learn how to live with and after the COVID-19 pandemic around. We need to move forward but considering our lessons learned.

I appreciate our leaders to be supportive in most of our initiatives and ideas on how to ensure sustainability in a long-term perspective. We definitely need to be effective and continue our focus on **Education, Capacity Building** and **Advocacy** work at all levels of our functioning.

Focusing on building an inclusive strategy on defining our particular role in shaping a better future of work is still our task at all levels. New living conditions in a permanently changing world bring new set of circumstances and damage, especially taking into account a full-scale Russian invasion in my country Ukraine, which inevitably will impact directly or indirectly on each of our countries especially with regard to food insecurity, socio-economic instability and a global insecurity in general.

Unity and solidarity are always extremely helpful and essential especially when some specific country or our members are in a big crisis and in a big need, we, the workers, who are majority in our countries and in our societies, we can stand together and to demonstrate our collective actions, great powerful voice, to make a direct impact and changes on our lives as well as to secure peace.

Even if it sounds as a naïve illusion especially in the light of an extreme right-wing political orientation where human or workers' rights are not on the national or even international agenda to be prioritized, we need to move with full faith and courage to fight for social and economic justice to make this world better and turn it back to track.

StreetNet remains fully committed to its genuine mission and values, goals and guiding principles, mandate and its founding policies under any circumstances or conditions, we shouldn't lose our genuine identity and remind ourselves what we are and whom we represent.

I thank to all of you for your permanent support, patience and understanding you provide to me personally and to all our team members who are doing a great job, committing themselves to our wonderful StreetNet family.

Nothing for us Without Us!

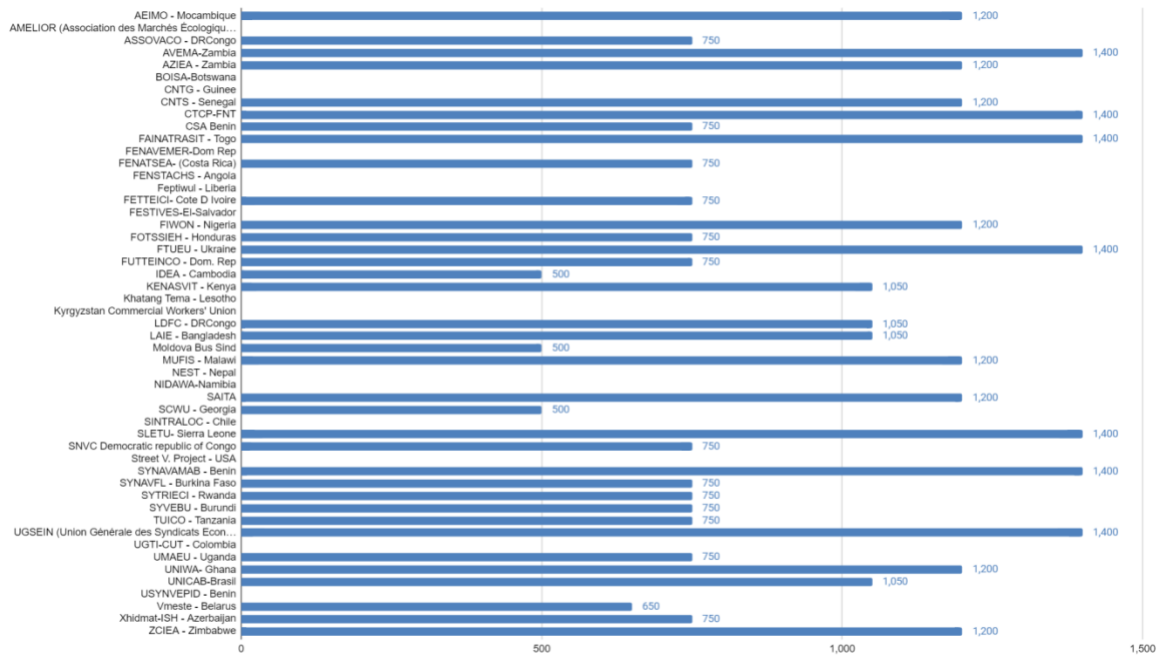
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. StreetNet affiliates use the all existing international legal instruments in their advocacy work in their countries and cities for the benefit of their members and StreetNet constituency in general.
2. International Council to continue to work with the Sub-Committee on Worker Education, and to consider the same composition of its members who are retained for their identifiable skills and capacity at least for two terms (8 years) of StreetNet operation .
3. International Council to reconstitute the Human Resources Sub-Committee as a permanent commission/sub-committee with members who are retained for their identifiable skills in human resource management, not brought in after each election simply because they are current members of the International Council.
4. StreetNet Congress to consider and adopt the amendments to the current Code of Conduct (proposed by the Disciplinary Commission) to make it more progressive and protective for all StreetNet people concerned.
5. StreetNet affiliates to support each other and work with the Council Members and StreetNet Office to build and strengthen leadership from the lower-income-earning categories and bottom classes of street vendors and informal traders, in accordance with StreetNet's Founding Resolution on Class and Gender Organisational Policy.
6. StreetNet affiliates to strengthen their work on the ground integrating youth, vendors with disabilities into their organizations and StreetNet at all levels of these organizations.
7. StreetNet Affiliates, RFPs to respect and follow the StreetNet constitutional provisions without trying to undermine or compromise its women-empowerment articles.
8. StreetNet affiliates to support each other and work with respect and patience with StreetNet operational team to build and strengthen their internal democracy and strong women's leadership at all levels.
9. StreetNet affiliates and other organisations of informal workers to pressurize the ILO to connect their Future of Work initiatives with active implementation of their own ILO Recommendation 204 on transitions from the informal to the formal economy – as the issue of rights-based formalization has to be the key to all discussions on the Future of Work.

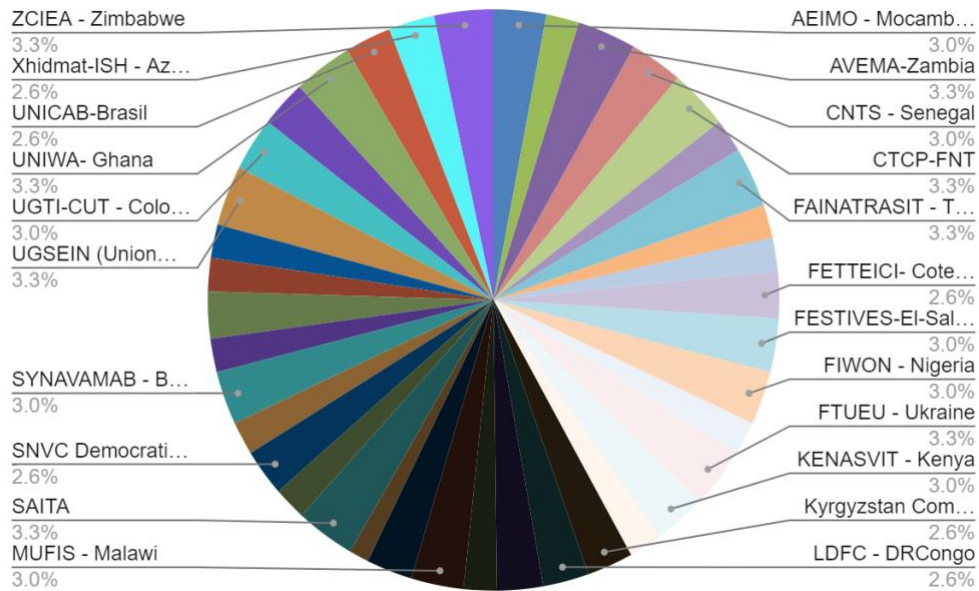
10. StreetNet affiliates to strongly defend the principles, organisational integrity and established legacy of StreetNet International against attempts to capture the organisation for different agendas – and to use their democratic constitutional powers to ensure the election of leaders who are also committed to defend the legacy and organisational integrity of StreetNet.
11. StreetNet Congress to discuss and adopt more progressive provisions on Climate change/justice and a Just Transition.

ANNEXURE 1

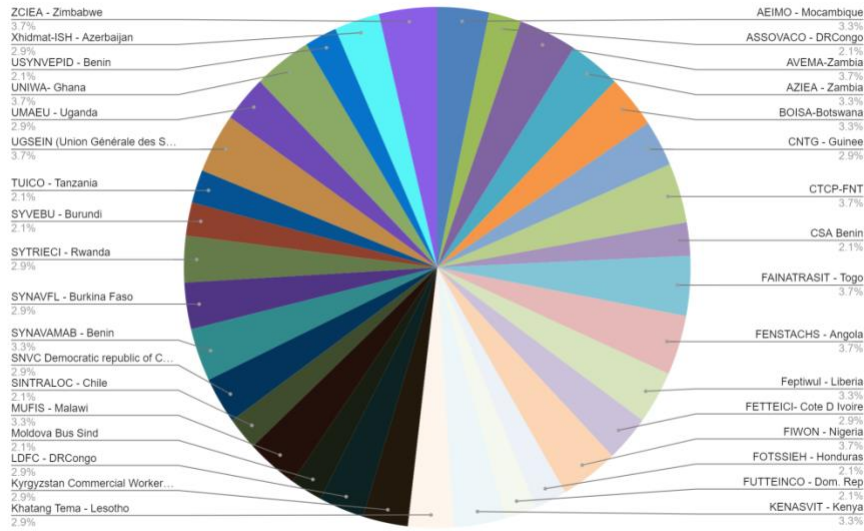
Communication support to Affiliates (2020-2021)



StreetNet support on Economic Recovery Plans



StreetNet support for the Country activities projects



StreetNet support for the Sreet Vendors' Day 2022

