EXAMPLES OF APPROACHES TAKEN BY GRET

**Development via the market**

**Microfinance**

**Support to small businesses**

**Social entrepreneurship**

**Action-research**

**Technologies**

**Social sciences**

**Collaboration with research**

**Strategies for sustainability**

**Public policies**

**Institutionalisation**

**Dissemination**

**Capitalisation**

GRET began focusing on the role small businesses can play in development at the beginning of the 1980s. Today, GRET supports service operators and small entrepreneurs, and works with large companies or their foundations. In Myanmar, after 20 years of microfinance projects, GRET is supporting the institutionalisation of the Chin MFI, a microfinance institute now serving 10,000 borrowers. GRET switched from the role of operator to that of shareholder and administrator.

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**ACTION WITHIN NETWORKS**

**NGO collectives**

- such as Coordination SUD CFSP
- Group initiatives in France, Pingo in Madagascar or Spong in Burkina Faso

**Consultative forums**

- such as CNDSI and PFVT in France, Groupe nutrition in Niger and the 1990 Technical Working Group in Laos

**Sectoral networks**

- such as Coalition eau, Cerise in France, Cenati in Senegal, and Climate Change Working Group in Vietnam

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GRET, AN INTERNATIONAL NGO

714 professionals
150 projects and expert studies
with a budget of
25.5 million euros
involving at least
2.9 million people
in 22 countries of operation

GRET’s teams, made up of 20 different nationalities, form a sustainable community of meaning, values and rules. With thousands of other professionals working for the least advantaged, they create essential bonds of solidarity, respect and tolerance that are vital for building together and fighting poverty and inequalities from village level right up to international body level.

As fighting against poverty and inequalities requires the best skills, GRET defends a professional approach to solidarity and enhances the development sector with knowledge and innovative solutions. It believes that populations and citizens are stakeholders in their development and works with them, promoting the dignity of citizens rather than aid, the strengthening of capacities rather than substitution, contribution to public policies rather than recycling of unsuitable models, and working with the economic sector rather than sterile opposition.
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- Support to small businesses
- Social entrepreneurship

**TECHNOLOGIES**
- Social sciences
- Collaboration with research

**PUBLIC POLICIES**
- Institutionalisation
- Dissemination
- Capitalisation

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**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
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