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ACTIVITY REPORT 2023-2024

The following is the reporting from the FEI Solidarity Department on its activities from September 2023 until mid-August 2024.

The hybrid General Assembly 2023 in Mexico approved the appointment of the Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee for a one-year term.

<u>Per memory</u>: FEI Solidarity Committee Members – Terms of References

- The appointment of the Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee is for a Term of one (1) year.
- Members of the FEI Solidarity Committee may serve a maximum of four (4) Terms.
- As the FEI President shall be the Chair of the FEI Solidarity Committee, the Terms of his/her mandate shall be in line with the presidential terms.

Term started at GA

Group I Group II Group III Group IV Group V Group VI Group VII Group VII	Ingmar De Vos (BEL), FEI President and Chair Marjukka Manninen, President FIN NF Sadyr Mamytov, President KGZ NF Catherine Ramsingh-Pierre, President BAH NF Juan Manuel Melgar, President GUA NF Diego Iturralde Aponte, President BOL NF Bader bin Mohamed Al Darwish, President QAT NF	2018 2022 2021 2021 2022 2023 2023 2022
Group VII	Bader bin Mohamed Al Darwish, President QAT NF	2022
Group VIII	Mikaela Cojuangco Jaworski, PHI NF	2021
Group IX	Mary K.B Binks, Deputy Chair GRIX, KEN NF	2022

FEI SOLIDARITY DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

- From September 2023 to August 2024, around 70 projects have been delivered.
- FEI Solidarity Department conducted over 80 WebEx video meetings since September 2023 with all NFs with pending FEI Solidarity projects, to follow-up on the status of each project and the situation in the country to best advise NFs on the way forward.
- The new Online Application System has been successfully launched on 15 May 2024.
- FEI Campus: Given the success of the Stable Managers' Education Programme and the demand from China, the course content and prerequisites on FEI Campus are now available in Mandarin. A new prerequisite and quiz have also been made available on FEI Campus for the FEI Course for National Federations' Secretary Generals & Administrators. This enables participants to familiarise themselves with important details about the FEI Solidarity department, allowing more time during the in-person course in Lausanne (SUI) to address specific questions and needs.

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NFs PROJECTS - OVERVIEW

555 is the total number of NFs projects supported by FEI Solidarity from 2012-2024:

Figures on 15 August 2023

Ongoing NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2017 - 2023					CHF
2017	NFs projects	67	Remaining	2	14′050.40
2018	NFs projects	63	Remaining	7	60′051.40
2019	NFs projects	71	Remaining	21	160′050.84
2020	NFs projects	64	Remaining	36	252′024.37
2021	NFs projects	42	Remaining	20	141′174
2022	NFs projects	8	Remaining	6	371.397
	Total	315	Total remaining	g 92	998′748.01
NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2023					
2023	NFs projects	42	Started 1.1.2023	24	132′230.00

Figures on 15 August 2024

	Ongoing NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2018 -2024				
2018	NFs projects	63	Remaining	3	12′651
2019	NFs projects	71	Remaining	10	76′998
2020	NFs projects	64	Remaining	21	139′943
2021	NFs projects	42	Remaining	17	104′880
2022	NFs projects	8	Remaining	5	230′606
2023	NFs projects	42	Remaining	24	237′873
	Total	290	Total remaining	g 80	802′951
NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2024					
2024	NFs projects	48	Started 1.1.2024	33	191′755

Figures after deduction of remaining funds – back to fund

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	NFs Projects	supported b	y FEI Solidarity 2012 -	2023	CHF
2018	NFs projects	63	Remaining	0	0
2019	NFs projects	71	Remaining	8	75′072
2020	NFs projects	64	Remaining	15	100′177
2021	NFs projects	42	Remaining	15	89′359
2022	NFs projects	8	Remaining	5	230′606
2023	NFs projects	42	Remaining	20	224′338
	Total	290	Total remaining	63	719′552
Figures o	n 15 August 2023				
NFs Projects supported by FEI Solidarity 2018 - 2023					CHF
2018	NFs projects	63	Delivered in 1y	8	79′613

	Total	357	Total delivered over 1 year	61	568'031
2023	NFs projects	42	Stated/Delivered in 7months	24	132′230
2022	NFs projects	8	Delivered in 1y	3	165′375
2021	NFs projects	42	Delivered in 1y	6	58′500
2020	NFs projects	64	Delivered in 1y	12	89'000
2019	NFs projects	71	Delivered in 1y	6	36′000
2018	NFs projects	63	Delivered in 1y	8	79′613

Figures on 15 August 2024

	NFs Projects	2024	CHF		
2018	NFs projects	63	Delivered in 1y	0	0
2019	NFs projects	71	Delivered in 1y	7	36′328
2020	NFs projects	64	Delivered in 1y	13	48′475
2021	NFs projects	42	Delivered in 1y	4	20′081
2022	NFs projects	8	Delivered in 1y	3	136′416
2023	NFs projects	42	Delivered in 1y	14	101′727
2024	NFs project	48	Stated/Delivered in 7months	33	191′755
	Total		Total delivered over 1 year	74	534′782

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NFs Projects not achieved – Money to put back into FEI Solidarity account

Project Ref.	NFs Projects 2018-2023	Money Allocated	2018	2019	2021	2023	Balance
AF21-IND-2018	National Qualification Framework Coach Ed	10.000					10.000
AF47-PLE-2018	Consultancy services	30.000	987,90	1.572,97		26.533,40	905,73
AF48-PLE-2018	Grooms training	5.000	3.254,33				1.745,67
Total 2018							12.651,40
AF20-COL-2019	Pony Club	10.000		5.000	4.496,57		503,43
AF42-IRI-2019	Grooms training	5.000		3.576,71			1.423,29
Total 2019							1.926,72
AF01-ALG-2020	AT Endurance	5.000					5.000
AF16-CHN-2020	DNSS Reining	10.000					10.000
AF20-CUB-2020	Scholarship NHC	5.000					5.000
AF23-ESP-2020	DNSS Para E	5.000					5.000
AF33-IRI-2020	DNSS Para E	10.000			8.198,27		1.801,73
AF46-LBN-2020	ESEE Dressage	15.000				2.035,64	12.964,36
Total 2020							39.766,09
AF25-ESA-2021	Grooms training	5.000					5.000
AF27-GRIII- 2021	AT Dressage	48.000			33.428		10.521
Total 2021							15.521
COL-2023-01	Scholarship Para-Dressage	20.000				10.000	10.000
OMA-2023-01	Consultancy services	2.000				1.721,65	278,35
UAE-2023-01	Biosecurity	8.000				6.557,35	1.442,65
UKR-2023-01	AT Vaulting	10.000				8.153,93	1.814,07
Total 2023							13.535,07
Total		183.000					83.400,28

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NFs Round Up

This year, FEI Solidarity funding has been transferred to around 70 NFs projects.

Among these projects, which already took place, it is worth mentioning:

TTO: FEI Solidarity is aiding the creation of second careers for retired raceHorses in Trinidad & Tobago through its retraining course. The techniques used in the Retraining of RaceHorses (RTR) programme have already proved successful across Asia, India, and the Caribbean, as they equip equestrians with the skills and know-how to transition former raceHorses into new roles. The course covers fundamental basics such as lunging, dressage and jumping, which are then tailored to the individual needs of each Horse. Trinidad & Tobago's success story highlights the programme's potential, and former participants in other such courses such as Wan Ming from Malaysia, were enthusiastic about the opportunity to share their knowledge and contribute to the welfare of retired raceHorses in their respective regions. The next step for the NF is the organisation of the FEI Eventing World Challenge in July 2024, in which the retrained raceHorses could then take part. In the near future, FEI Solidarity plans to expand this project to Europe, aiming to provide a good life and opportunities to retired raceHorses worldwide. FEI.org article: https://www.fei.org/stories/lifestyle/health-fitness/bright-future-ex-raceHorses

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URU: EVENTING - Led by Coach Edison Quintana, and supported by FEI Solidarity, the Uruguayan Eventing team reached its objective to take part in the 2023 Pan American Games organised in Santiago, Chile with the hope of obtaining their Olympic qualification. The team was able to train locally, take part in international events and ultimately qualify for the Pan American Games. The team faced some important challenges during this process, the Covid-19 pandemic having disrupted their training, however theyremained dedicated and delivered notable performances from Athletes such as Federico Gonzalo Daners Bidegain, Rufino Emilio Dominguez Midon, and Gastón Marcenal.

Through its support, FEI Solidarity facilitated Uruguay's progress, to reach their goal towards Olympic representation. This is another example of FEI Solidarity's commitment to sustainable development in equestrian sports, emphasising the transformative impact of tailored support.

Full article on FEI.org: <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/sport/eventing/uruguays-eventers-going-</u><u>strength-strength</u>

DRESSAGE - Dressage in Uruguay faced a severe decline over the last decade, with participation dropping considerably with as low as only three riders per competition by 2023. The 2022 "Training for Goals" project failed to attract youth riders, crucial for the discipline's future. In April 2023, FEI Solidarity asked the URU NF to revamp the project, focusing on U20 age category riders, including those from jumping, to secure the future of Dressage. An open call for 20 youth riders and their trainers led to participation in six events (three clinics and three competitions) between July 2023 and June 2024. Expert Coach Gloriana Herrera conducted the clinics in Montevideo, emphasising technical knowledge and flexibility. The project successfully revitalised interest in Dressage, laying a strong foundation for its future in Uruguay.

CHI: The Chilean National Equestrian Federation requested support from FEI Solidarity to develop and implement a National Coach Education and Certification System for their Coaches. The plan put in place consisted of several stages, starting with establishing the "recognition of prior learning" processes for the Coaches already active. The next stage was the creation of a comprehensive ongoing education plan, based on various modules to either complete the education of selected Coaches or to upgrade their level. The third and final stage was to put in place an initial Coach Education Programme based on three levels of progression and recognition, through certification at each Level (1 to 3). As part of the process, a workshop run by FEI

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Solidarity Director, Jean-Philippe Camboulives, was organised in order to identify the potential Tutors (Course Directors) and explain the programme content to them. This has been followed by a Pedagogical and Technical workshop in April 2024, given by a Coach Developer from Saumur National School IFCE, to refresh and complement the Tutors' knowledge and skills, with the aim of implementing the full National Coach Education and Certification System for Coaches in 2025.

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CZE: FEI Solidarity is supporting Dressage and Eventing National Youth teams in their preparation for the FEI Dressage and Eventing Youth European Championships. In Eventing, five clinics were delivered by Lars Christensson (SWE), following which four young Athletes qualified for the FEI Eventing European Championships for Young Riders and Juniors in Montelibretti (ITA), from 14–17 September 2023. The Czech Equestrian Federation also approved Lars Christensson to accompany the team as national trainer.

PLE: Committed to improving Horse welfare worldwide, in 2023 FEI Solidarity supported the Palestine NF in advancing their Horse welfare efforts within the country. Following an initial visit by Jean-Philippe Camboulives and a German Veterinarian, to discuss the possible construction of an Equine Clinic, it was ultimately determined that equipping local Veterinarians with a portable X-ray machine was a more suitable solution, given the limitations on adequate land for construction in Jericho. Three Veterinarians, selected by the NF, received support from FEI Solidarity through a scholarship and underwent training at the Sharjah Equine Hospital in the UAE from 4-29 September 2023. In order to optimise their skill sets, the X-ray machine was also shipped to Sharjah so that the Veterinarians could learn how to use it before returning to Palestine with the equipment.

FEI Group VIII: The FEI South East Asia (SEA) Jumping Youth Cup 2023, which took place at the Royal Stable Unit in Bangkok (THA) from 7-10 December 2023, was a huge success bringing together Athletes from seven different NFs within FEI Regional Group VIII (CAM, INA, MAS, MYA, PHI, SGP and THA). Based on the model of the Youth Equestrian Games, this event was created as the replacement for the SEA Games 2023 in Phnom Penh (CAM), which saw the cancellation of the equestrian event. FEI Solidarity provided the funding for the event as well as two training sessions for the Athletes on borrowed Horses prior to the competition. The team competition, consisting of three Athletes per NF, saw the following teams on the podium: CAM, PHI, THA. This was a historic achievement for the Cambodian Athletes as it was the first gold medal won by Cambodia at an equestrian event of this magnitude. The team was composed of HH Princess Amrita Norodom riding Kajaree, Chantola Kiri paired up with Sawang and Rathanak Kong on Khwan. This victory was especially rewarding for Chantola Kiri and Rathanak Kong, who both originate from underprivileged families and who were able to train and compete through the support of the Cambodian NF and FEI Solidarity. In silver position, Sophie Eve Peabody paired up with Kajpol, Sophie Louie Lacson on Ngam Som and Jasmine Baez with Egano Sitte represented the Philippines and bronze went to Thailand following the performances of Supagan Leeyavanti riding Ngernpae, Panipa Kasemwuttirat with Clinaro and Supinun Jullobol together with Javier.

KSA: The 2nd Dressage ESEE event in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia took place from 5 to 8 January 2024, at the Al Nemer Equestrian Center in Janadriyah, Riyadh. Expert Officials Irina Maknami (PLE) and Expert Coach Larasati Gading (INA) led the ESEE. The event featured nine Judges and five Coaches. Additionally, 14 demo riders participated in the ESEE.

ETH: From 8 to 11 February 2024, the 2nd Jumping ESEE event was held in Ethiopia. The event was facilitated by Expert Officials Cord Cordes (NAM) and Expert Coach Marc Fichter (MRI). It

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involved eight Course Designers/Judges, seven Coaches, and 12 demo riders. On the last day of the workshop, Athletes competed over a 1.05m Jumping course.

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GRE: The Greek Endurance Athletes' Training Project aims to prepare a National Endurance Team for the FEI Balkan Championships 2024. The first seminar was held at Rhodes Riding Club on Rhodes Island from 4 to 8 December 2023, with ten participating Athletes. The club, affiliated with the Greek National Federation, supports Athletes from novice to championship levels. The second seminar, attended by 13 Athletes from across Greece, took place at the Markopoulo Olympic Equestrian Center from 21 to 25 February 2024 and Romain Laporte (FRA) was appointed as the project's expert.

FEI Group VII: The Group VII project aims to promote the growth of Dressage in the Middle East as well as the Maghreb regions, and to train Athletes for their participation at the future FEI Group VII Regional Dressage Championship. Its primary goal is to inspire, engage and prepare Athletes from this region for the FEI Dressage World Challenge through identification and qualification. Additionally, during the first Talent Identification session in Qatar, four new Dressage Experts, dedicated to GRVII, were trained to deliver Talent Identification sessions in the region. They are Diana Al Shaer (PLE), Wejdan Al Malki (QAT), Anna Barausova (RUS), and Yessin Rahmouni (MAR). These experts will play a crucial role in achieving the goals of the project in the Middle East and Maghreb regions.

JOR: The inaugural Jumping ESEE event in Jordan took place from 27 February to 1 March 2024, at the Al Saheel Club in Amman. Expert Official Nazim Sebiane (ALG) and Expert Coach Mohamed Khalifa (EGY) led the ESEE. Athletes competed on day four, over obstacle heights ranging from 0.80m to 1.30m.

IND: Two courses were organised with great success in India as part of the Stable Manager's Education Programme. The programme welcomed 12 participants at the Army Polo and Riding Centre in Delhi Cantt from 23 to 25 February 2024. Following this, an additional 12 participants attended the second course at the Amateur Riders Club in Mumbai from 27 to 29 February 2024.

ESP: The 3rd Vaulting ESEE event in Spain was hosted at the Centro Hípico la Abadia in Madrid from 7 to 10 March 2024. Expert Official Dalibor Blazek (CZE) and Expert Coach Rob De Bruin (NED) supervised the ESEE, ensuring its success. With six Judges and eight Coaches present, the event demonstrated a high level of professionalism and expertise. A total of 17 demo Vaulters showcased their skills. On day four, all demo Athletes competed in the FEI Vaulting World Challenge mock event, ranging from Individual beginner to Pas-de-Deux advanced levels.

MLT: From 16 to 19 March 2024, Malta hosted the 2nd Dressage ESEE event at the Montekristo Equestrian Centre in Siggiewi. Renowned Expert Official Bertrand Hardy (FRA) and Expert Coach Kathy Amos Jacob (FRA) led the event. With eight Judges and seven Coaches participating in the ESEE. On the competition day, 17 Athletes competed across five different levels, ranging from National Intro level tests to FEI Junior Team tests.

SRB: The first Module on Retraining Techniques for ex-RaceHorses aimed to guide participants in selecting suitable ex-raceHorses for a second career off the racetracks. The theoretical sessions covered the conformation, mental state, and feeding of thoroughbreds. A practical session included a visit to a racetrack and training centre to understand how a Horse is

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conditioned to become a raceHorse. This module, held from 25-27 June 2024 in Šabac, near Belgrade, with expert instructions by Edouard Legendre (FRA) and involved 23 participants.

ACES/LIB: From 16-18 July 2024, expert Mohamed Khalifa led the ACES Talent Identification session in Libya. Over three days, 15 participants aged 13-16 were evaluated to identify potential African Athletes representation for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Dakar 2026. The session assessed technical skills, performance potential, and motivation. Khalifa inspired and guided riders and Coaches, assisting National Federations in organising the Identify-Qualify-Prepare (IQP) process for YOG 2026. This phase successfully laid the groundwork for nurturing future talents for the Youth Olympic Games.

BOT: Botswana hosted its third Dressage ESEE from 22-26 May 2024. The event featured Expert Official Lesley Mawhinney (RSA) and Expert Coach Natalie Hobday (RSA). The session included five Judges, ten Coaches, and four demonstration riders ranging from Individual Competition Children and Team Competition Juniors to Prix St-Georges. The event aimed to enhance dressage skills and knowledge across various competition levels.

PAN: From 30 April to 03 May 2024, the Club Ecuestre Castilla de Oro hosted the third Jumping ESEE in Panama. The event featured Expert Official Heraclio Barletta (PAN) and Expert Coach Jaime Morillo (ECU). It included three Course Designers, nine Judges, six Coaches, and eight demonstration riders jumping up to 120cm. The event successfully improved the skills and knowledge of participants in the discipline of Jumping.

NAM: In Namibia, 30 children from four different schools, facing severe concentration difficulties, cerebral palsy, or autism, benefited from therapeutic riding. As there was previously no Equine Assisted Therapy in the country, this initiative marked a significant step forward. Rehabilitation through Equitation has notably improved the children's cognitive abilities, verbal skills, overall health, posture, and balance. Additionally, the project has created new employment opportunities, further contributing to the community.

BUL: Following up on a request from the NF to assist in Breeding matters, a seminar was organised from 6-7 July 2024 and resulted in a resounding success, with 18 participants, including representatives from various breeding associations, the Institute of Animal Science, Trakia University, Veterinarians, Horse owners, and riders. Mr. Phillip Baumgart's engaging presentation and expertise were particularly noteworthy, making complex information accessible and fostering a positive learning environment. Participants appreciated his willingness to answer questions and share his extensive knowledge. The highlight was a workshop on assessing young Horses, offering practical experience to complement the theoretical knowledge. The seminar covered a wide range of topics from selection criteria to reproductive technologies, with a Q&A session for further discussion. Overall, the seminar successfully provided valuable education and deepened understanding of equine breeding practices, leaving participants with applicable knowledge and skills.

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Equestrian Sport Educative events (ESEEs)

In 2023-2024, a total of 26 ESEEs have been delivered in 1 year.

At least 18 ESEEs will be delivered until the end of the year.

FEI Groups	22 NFs involved in ESEEs in 2023-2024
Group EEF	CYP (J), ESP (V), MLT (D), NOR (V) SLO (D + Driving)
Group III	KAZ (J +D), UZB (J +D)
Group IV	CAN (2 × V)
Group V	MEX (V), PAN (J)
Group VI	BRA (V), PAR (D), PER (D)
Group VII	JOR (J), KSA (D), LBA (J), OMA (D)
Group VIII	PHI (J), NEP (J)
Group IX	BOT (J), ETH (J), RSA (V)

FEI Groups	ESEEs to be delivered until the end of the year
Group EEF	CYP (J), MLT (J), SRB (J)
Group III	KAZ (J+ D), TKM (J)
Group VI	BRA (V), PER (D)
Group VII	KSA (D), LBA (J), OMA (J+D)
Group VIII	NEP (J), PHI (J)
Group IX	BOT (J), CIV (J), ETH (J), KEN (E)

China National Jumping Course Designers Education

The Expert Olivier Billaud (FRA) has been appointed to identify and educate National Jumping Course Designers. The main purpose of the project is to improve the level of the Chinese National Jumping CDs in order for them to be able to confidently build quality courses, with a nice flow, good trajectories and distances in order to improve the level of Horses and riders. The first visit was aimed at detecting candidates to become National CD, by looking at who were able to see the right trajectory, landing from one jump going to the next one, setting the right fence's profile at the right position in the course, and succeeding in getting all or as many Horses across the finish line and avoiding as much as possible strikes and eliminations. The first course took place from 20-22 April 2024 at the Yangshan club in Jiangsu; among the participants 12 National candidates who may officiate at the National Level and 5 who have fulfilled the requirements to be able to officiate as assistant Course Designer in FEI competitions. The second course took place from 24-26 April at Rico stable in Zhejiang with 12 participants at National Level. The 3rd

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course took place from 28-30 April at Equuleus stable in Beijing with 13 participants at National Level.

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The next step will be to certify the National CDs in accordance with their level. They will have to design 3 course plans (Table C, A With Clock, and one GP with jump off) and to build a course. The next visit is planned before the end of 2024.

FEI SOLIDARITY DEPARTMENT PROJECTS & PROGRAMMES

Consultancy Services – FEI Solidarity Department

	FEI DEVELOPMENT MISSIONS – ACTIVITY PLAN 2023 - 2024					
FEI Staff	NF	Type of Missions	Objectives			
JPC	QATAR	Identification of Athletes	Athletes Identification in Dressage			
JPC	BAHAMAS	Identification of Athletes Consultancy service	Athletes Identification in Jumping. Establishment of a National Development Plan. Guidance on the development of a National Sport Structure.			
JPC	CZECH REPUBLIC	Consultancy service	National			
JPC	MAURITIUS	2 nd Workshop for FEI GRVIX NFs on their Role, Mission and Responsibility	Helping the NFs to have a better understanding of their role, missions and responsibilities			
JPC	FEI HQ	Coaching course	Level 3 course assessment			
JPC	NAMIBIA	Identification of Athletes	Athletes Identification in Endurance			
JPC	ALGERIA	National Coach education and certification programme	Establishment of a National Development Plan. Guidance on the development of a National Sport Structure.			
JPC	CHINA	National Coach education and certification programme	Establishment of a National Development Plan. Guidance on the development of a National Sport Structure.			
JPC	IRAN tbc	National Coach education and certification programme	Establishment of a National Development Plan. Guidance on the development of a National Sport Structure.			
JPC	UAE	Workshop for FEI GRVII NFs on their Role, Mission and Responsibility	Helping the NFs to have a better understanding of their role, missions and responsibilities			

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FEI Regional Development Officer (EEF) Mr. Teodor Sheytanov:

The EEF Development Annual Report, an overview of the progress, achievements, and challenges faced in the field of sport development over the past year is available in the Annex attached. This report aims to highlight the impact of various initiatives and programmes on the development of sports in Europe at National and International levels.

New FEI Solidarity tools:

1. Workshop for NFs on their Roles, Missions and Responsibilities:

Group VII Workshop NFs Roles, Missions & Responsibilities will take place on 14 November 2024 after the FEI General Assembly in Abu Dhabi (UAE). The workshop "National Federation's Roles, Missions and Responsibilities" will be led by the FEI Solidarity Director, Mr. Jean-Philippe Camboulives, for reflexion and discussion on these fundamental subjects for the development of the Equestrian Sport. The workshop has been specially thought for Presidents and Secretary Generals, for the "Decision-takers" of a National Federation, involved in strategic topics such as Constitution and Governance. We are expecting 36 participants from 18 NFs to attend the workshop as well as the FEI Chair and Deputy Chair of Group VII. We would like to plan other editions for Group VIII and III.

FEI Course for National Federations' Secretary Generals & Administrators 2023-2024

The 6th edition of the FEI Course for National Federations' Secretary Generals & Administrators took place at the FEI HQ on 9-13 October 2023. 18 participants from 14 NFs travelled to Lausanne: BIH, CYP, LTU, LUX, TKM, HON, PAN, CHI, QAT, HKG, IND, TPE, BOT, ZIM.

This year again, Secretary Generals and Administrators will gather for a 5-day course from 14-18 October at the FEI HQ in Lausanne. A long list of NFs from all FEI Groups except FEI Group IV (no request) has been established. After a selection process, the short list has been confirmed with a total of 18 participants from 15 NFs: CRO, SRB, AZE, IRI, KGZ, COL, CRC, BOL, PER, OMA, PLE, SUD, CAM, MAD, ZAM. We will also welcome the new EEF Regional Development Officer Mrs Luz Bella Lendinez Martinez and PAEC Regional Officer Mr Jaime Morillo.

National Federation's IT Platform

In 2023 and 2024, the new interested National Federations have been introduced to the platform by the TSS Department by video conference and have received a demo platform: PAN, HON, QAT, MLT, PAR, BUL, KSA, SGP, CRC. The platform's system is fully up to date technically with the latest update offered by Axiocode. The NFs which have already been using the platform will be contacted to have their own platform updated.

Advanced discussions are in progress with ARG, SGP and MRI to move forwards with the installation.

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HORSE WELFARE

In 2023-2024, Grooms, Farriers trainings, Stable Managers and Biosecurity courses took place in:

FEI GROUP	NFs	FARRIER TRAINING	GROOM TRAINING
EEF	MALTA	\checkmark	
III	UZBEKISTAN	\checkmark	
III	KAZAKHSTAN	\checkmark	
VI	CHILI		\checkmark
VI	PARAGUAY	\checkmark	
VII	JORDAN		\checkmark
IX	ETHIOPIA	\checkmark	\checkmark
IX	ZIMBABWE	\checkmark	

FEI GROUP	NFs	STABLE MANAGERS COURSE	BIOSECURITY COURSE
VII	UAE	\checkmark	\checkmark
VIII	CHINA	\checkmark	November 2024
VIII	INDIA	\checkmark	October 2024
VIII	TAIPEI	\checkmark	
VIII	THAILAND	\checkmark	

FEI COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The projection of the number of courses to be organised in 2023 during the last FEI Solidarity Committee was of 40. At the end of the year after some cancellations and some additions, the final number reached a total number of 39 courses.

Currently the calendar counts 32 courses planned for 2024, but as always since NFs may apply throughout the year this number will most likely increase.

Coach Education 2023:

- 39 courses organised in 15 countries:
 - ⇒ 17x Introduction to Coaching Courses
 - ⇒ 14x Level 1 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
 - \Rightarrow 5x Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Endurance
 - ⇒ 1x Level 1 course for National Coaches in Vaulting
 - ⇒ 1x Level 2 course for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
 - ⇒ 1x Level 3 course for National Coaches in Jumping
- 380+ Coaches of 32 different Nationalities educated

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Coach Education 2024 – 1st January to 31st August:

- 26 courses organised in 15 countries:
 - ⇒ 15x Introduction to Coaching Courses
 - ⇒ 6x Level 1 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
 - ⇒ 2x Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Endurance
 - ⇒ 1x Level 1 courses for National Coaches in Vaulting
 - ⇒ 2x Level 2 courses for National Coaches in the Olympic Disciplines
- 278 Coaches of 30 different Nationalities educated

We currently only count one new National Federation taking part in the programme this year, the Federation in question is Norway who will organise a Level 1 course for their Vaulting Coaches. We are also thrilled to welcome back Malta, Libya and Ethiopia who all previously organised at least one course in the past but haven't been active in the education of their Coaches for some time and are looking at improving the skills and knowledge of their local human resources to help develop the sport further.

Another important event which will take place this year is the first ever online Level 3 Assessment. Following the pandemic and the use of online meeting platforms which has become a new norm for people from around the world to be able to meet and discuss topics without the cost and time of travelling to a foreign country, it was decided to test this format for the next Level 3 Assessment. A total of 21 Coaches from 15 countries are registered to take part during the week of 23-27 September:

- 11 Show Jumping
- 5 Dressage
- 5 Eventing

In order to validate their Level 3, each Coach is required to submit a logbook of 20 Coaching sessions, a video of a Coaching session selected from this logbook and a training plan with a clear sport objective at the end. Coaches will have to present their work to a panel composed of a panel of experts and fellow Coaches. We are thrilled to count among our panel of discipline experts, Marcello Artiaga (BRA) and Peter Teeuwen (GER) for Show Jumping, Monica Theodorescu for Dressage and Didier Courreges (FRA) for Eventing.

Among the updates since the last FEI Solidarity Committee meeting, we are happy to report a successful first meeting of the Working Group in charge of developing the course content for the Level 2 Endurance Coaching module which took place at the end of October 2023. Many topics were raised during this exchange and the focus on was put on the emphasis of educating Coaches (and consequently their Athletes) on the specifics of the discipline concerning the Endurance Horse welfare / wellbeing. The two expert Endurance Veterinarians, Dr. Sarah Coombs and Dr. Kieran O'Brien have already compiled some content with this objective. The Coaching expert Mr. Allan Leon is still currently working on the creation of the content for the technical module of the course.

The revamp of the course material has also been previously mentioned as one of our projects. The first phase of this project is well underway with all the Level 1 English workbooks (Olympic, Para Dressage, Endurance and Vaulting) that should be ready by the end of the year and consequently as of 2025 we will be testing this new process by only sending the course material digitally. As part of this process, and the wish to be more sustainable and reduce our carbon footprint, the videos that are currently provided to participants in DVD format (also taking into account the fact that this format has become obsolete) will be available on Vimeo video platform. Currently only the logos and graphic elements have been updated to be in line with the new

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designs of the workbooks, but as part of the second phase of this project, we are planning an update of the Olympic Level 2 contents and consequently will be producing new videos. This will be the opportunity to produce new videos as well for the Level 1 in order for the production, quality and visuals to be coherent and up to date. The next step in this first phase will be the revamp of the Level 1 workbooks in other languages.

FEI WORLD CHALLENGES SERIES

In **JUMPING**, the 2023 season finished with fewer countries then provisionally reported during last year's FEI Solidarity Committee meeting with a final count of 32 countries vs 37 announced. Among the countries who cancelled their events, we have Australia who usually only takes part on YOG qualifying years so this was not a big surprise, Colombia who this year again had bad weather on the original dates and was not able to find new dates before the end of the year, Panama, Puerto Rico, Swaziland and Tunisia.

The final numbers for the 2023 season showed a count of 251 competitions for a total of 97 events organised in 32 countries. When compared with the final numbers of 2022 this is a positive increase (215 competitions for 86 events in 29 countries).

The 2024 calendar currently counts 36 countries scheduled to take part in the series, with a total of 293 competitions. KEN has unfortunately cancelled their Challenge this year. The good news however is the first participation of China in the series in 2024 and the return of TTO as a sport objective to the Retraining of Ex-RaceHorses project that was organised in the country last year.

As always we expect some changes by the end of the year with some possible cancellations or late applications.

The detailed situation to date is as follow:

Total # of Events	# Events ORGANISED since Jan 2024	# Events SCHEDULED between Sep & Dec 2024	# Events ANNOUNCED or POSTPONED without set dates (TBC)	# Events definitely CANCELLED
113	54	45	9	5

FEI Jumping World Challenge FINAL

Following the allocation of the FEI Jumping World Challenge Final by the FEI Board on 16 July to Uzbekistan, the 2024 Final is scheduled to take place in Tashkent (UZB) on 21-27 October.

21 Athletes originally qualified to take part in this Final. We currently have 17 Athletes that have confirmed their intent to participate and are continuing the qualification process to fill up the remaining 4 spots after the withdrawal of the Athletes originally qualified. The process will continue until the date of the Definite Entries, after which should any spots still be available, as per the change made to the rules, the host NF will be granted up to two additional wildcards to reduce the number of unused places and reach the total quota of 21 participants. The host NF may have up to a maximum of 4 Athletes as a result.

The National Federation is planning a competition for the selection of the borrowed Horses which should take place before the end of September. On this occasion Horses will be evaluated on

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their performance (technical and temperament) to find the most suitable pool of Horses for the Final.

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In **DRESSAGE**, the 2023 season concluded with a total of 32 events organised in 30 countries. Compared to past years, the original projection of 30 events remained close to the final count with only two cancellations (AZE + BAR) and consequently a few additions in the last quarter of the year.

The NFs of EGY and KAZ organised for the first time the FEI Dressage World Challenge, both in the framework of other regional initiatives to promote the discipline. EGY as part of the ACES Challenge which aims to see more NFs members of the Maghreb region develop Dressage through their participation in the Challenge and their initiative to have an ACES dedicated ranking for all member NFs taking part.

And KAZ along with MDA (returning to the series after many years of absence following the change of formation in 2016) both organising the FEI Dressage World Challenge as part of the second phase of the Eurasia Dressage Development project.

The total number of Athletes in the rankings for 2023 was of 463 which is slightly lower than in 2022 (518), which this can be explained by the fact that there were two less competitions organised. This number is however perfectly acceptable if compared to pre/post COVID figures as we had a total of 442 Athletes in 2019 and 390 in 2021, therefore we are back to what could be considered as the average number of participants for this series.

We are however hopeful to see the number increase with the various new initiatives and projects to develop the discipline, among which the Group VII project which should see the NFs of BRN, KUW, QAT and maybe more take part this year. TTO has also returned to the series in 2024 as it did in Jumping following the continued efforts and results of the Retraining of Ex-RaceHorses project, which will also see them organising for the first time the FEI Eventing World Challenge in 2024.

The detailed situation to date is as follow:

Total # of Events	# Events ORGANISED since Jan 2024	# Events SCHEDULED between Sep & Dec 2024	# Events ANNOUNCED without set dates (TBC)	# Events definitely CANCELLED
42	13	26	3	0

In **EVENTING**, out of the originally 12 countries who had applied to organise the FEI Eventing World Challenge, only 9 actually did. NFs that cancelled their event are: BAR, RSA, SWZ and UZB. The reasons provided were in most cases that they were unable to get/build the proper cross country fences in accordance with the requirements on time.

7 countries organised all three categories and overall a total of 24 Competitions were organised (1 Category = 1 Competition) with 212 combinations competing in 2023 (including Athletes with more than 1 Horse).

The 2024 calendar counts 19 countries planning to organise the series this year, 12 of which will be hosting the Eventing Challenge for the first time. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and interest of countries of the CAC region as well as Asia and Central Asia for the series with respectively 3 and 5 new countries this year (in total 5 and 7). This is extremely encouraging for the development of the discipline as these regions are for the most part new to Eventing and this clearly shows a growing interest. Latin America on the other hand who is an experienced

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region in this discipline only counts two competitions in COL and MEX. The lack of interest might come from the constraints linked to the organisation of the series (mandatory technical requirements in order to be able to establish rankings based on comparable results for all competitions organised around the world) and not seeing a development advantage for the region. With time though, this might change possibly with the creation of a regional project as we are looking into for Central Asia.

In **VAULTING**, of the 8 competitions originally scheduled in 2023, only 6 took place in 5 different countries (BRA organised two competitions). Unfortunately, ECU and MRI cancelled their competition and CAN cancelled the competition scheduled in Port Coquitlam (they did however organise the competition in Alberta). In the Individual classes, a total of 54 Athletes competed from 6 different countries with the breakdown per class as follow: 23 Beginners from 6 countries, 6 Intermediate from 5 countries and 25 Advanced from 4 countries. In the Pas-de-Deux category, only the Advanced class was organised in Brazil with one pair of Athletes from Colombia.

In 2024, 7 competitions have been scheduled, 5 of which have already taken place, with 55 Athletes who competed, which is currently one more than the final number of last year. Joining the series for the first time since its launch in 2020, Norway has organised the Challenge in May as part of the NF's development project to grow the discipline which includes the ESEEs allocated for 2024-2026, the Level 1 course for Vaulting courses that will take place in October and the Challenge.

In **PARA DRESSAGE**, the first and only FEI Para Dressage World Challenge organised in 2023 took place in Uruguay. The competition was linked to another FEI Solidarity project which involved the education of National Classifiers. Per reminder, as part of the series format, there are two phases, the first being the National Classification of the Athletes and the second the actual competition. A total of 17 Athletes took part in the classification, unfortunately two of the Athletes applying for classification were visually impaired. Therefore, they could not be classified. They were explained the next steps for achieving the Grade VI classification. Of the 15 Athletes classified after phase 1, 8 participated in the competition: 4 from URU and 4 from ARG. Among these Athletes we had all Grades represented (I to V) and the three levels offered by the series were organised: Novice with 2 Athletes (Grades I and V), Foundation with 2 Athletes (Grades II and III) and Beginner with 4 Athletes (Grades I, II, III and IV).

For 2024, Uruguay is currently the only NF to have applied to organise the series this year. We've had requests for Para Dressage Athletes to take part in the FEI Dressage World Challenge in RSA and NZL and therefore are promoting the series with these NFs that appear to have a potential of Para Athletes and who might be interested in developing the discipline through the series which has been specifically designed for new Athletes to begin competing.

In **DRIVING**, regretfully no competitions were organised in 2023 after the three NFs that had applied (BRA, GRE and SVK) cancelled their event. The explanation provided was generally a lake of Athletes or problem finding an organiser. In 2024, the only application received was from Bermuda. The competition planning was well underway but unfortunately the NF had to cancel as the organisers felt they were not ready yet to hold the competition but were hopeful that with a little more time to prepare they would be able to organise the series in 2025. Exchanges with Australia have also taken place but no application has resulted from them. We are planning a meeting with the Driving Department to discuss ways to promote the series for 2025.

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FEI SOLIDARITY HUB

The FEI Solidarity Hub (<u>https://inside.fei.org/fei/solidarity</u>) has become a key resource for NFs.

The catalogue has been revised and updated with new teaser videos for some of the projects. Furthermore, since this year, the catalogue has been the new starting point for the new online applications. A page describing the process has been added to help guide applicants. The description of the department has also been revised with new graphics. A page redirecting to FEI.org articles is also available on the FEI Solidarity Hub.

FEI SOLIDARITY DEPARTMENT - COMMUNICATION REPORT

To effectively promote the projects supported by the FEI Solidarity department, Stéphane has actively utilised various communication channels.

The FEI Solidarity Communication, which is distributed quarterly, continues to serve as a key communication tool. Additionally, special announcements, such as those regarding the new application process and specific deadlines, have also been communicated through the FEI Solidarity Communication. As a reminder, these updates are sent to the Presidents and Secretary Generals (NFs), as well as to FEI HQ Staff and FEI Solidarity Committee.

Stéphane has also developed a communication plan aimed at further promoting FEI Solidarity projects. A selection of these projects was shared with the FEI Commercial Department (Digital Team) and the FEI Communications Department in order to cover and promote some FEI Solidarity projects from all around the world.

This strategy has been implemented for the equestrian community target through a close collaboration with the FEI Digital Team (FEI Commercial Department), publishing on FEI channels such as FEI.org and FEI Social Media platforms. The non-equestrian target is managed directly by the FEI Communications Department and will be the subject of a specific point in this activity report.

Additionally, a dedicated section has now been added to FEI.org (<u>https://www.fei.org/fei-solidarity</u>), archiving articles focused on FEI Solidarity initiatives. Below is the list of articles created all promoted on FEI Social Media platforms (posts or/and stories):

- Puerto Rico on Top as South Africa Hosts World Challenge Final
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/sport/jumping/puerto-rico-south-africa-world-challenge-final-2023</u>
- A Bright Future for Ex-RaceHorses
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/lifestyle/health-fitness/bright-future-ex-raceHorses</u> **Uruguay's Eventers Going From Strength to Strength**
- <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/sport/eventing/uruguays-eventers-going-strength-</u>
- Bolivia's Jumping Journey Continues
 - o <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/sport/jumping/bolivias-jumping-journey-continues</u>
 - Meet Dr Koffi, Ivory Coast's First-Ever Specialist Equine Vet
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/lifestyle/health-fitness/meet-dr-koffi-ivory-coasts-first-ever-specialist-equine-vet</u>
 - The Sky's the Limit for These Young Women in Cambodia
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/lifestyle/Horse-human/equestrian-career-young-women-cambodia</u>

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- How FEI Solidarity has Helped Make Paris 2024 Dreams Come True
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/sport/dressage/how-fei-solidarity-has-helped-make-paris-2024-dreams-come-true</u>
- Reviving the Spirit of Jamaican Eventing
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/fei-solidarity/reviving-spirit-jamaican-eventing</u>
- A Landmark Moment for Para-Equestrian Sport in Uruguay
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/fei-solidarity/landmark-moment-para-equestrian-sport-uruquay</u>
- China Puts Horse Welfare at the Forefront
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/fei-solidarity/fei-solidarity-china-puts-Horse-welfare-</u> forefront
- Inspiring Libya's Next Generation of Equestrians
 - <u>https://www.fei.org/fei-solidarity/fei-solidarity-inspiring-libyas-next-generation-equestrians</u>

FEI COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

It is the mutual objective of FEI Communications and FEI Solidarity to achieve maximum media recognition for the work carried out by FEI Solidarity around the world.

One of the cornerstones in achieving this objective is a closer collaboration between FEI Communications – and what it is doing with the media and the community – and the FEI Solidarity Department, who are complementing this work by promoting their projects on different channels. During 2024, it was decided to promote FEI Solidarity projects with the most compelling storytelling potential behind them – those that have real meaning and substance, and those that have a demonstrable social impact and legacy. The FEI Communications Department highlighted the vocational training programme for young girls, developed by the Cambodian Equestrian Federation with the support of a Gender Equality Grant from FEI Solidarity, as a key initiative in the press. Throughout the year, the FEI Communications Department also provided updates on additional Solidarity initiatives focused on expanding the sport and fostering grassroots development, as well as on significant political appointments that contribute to the global growth and advancement of equestrian sport.

The FEI Communications Department's presentation will offer an overview of the media interest generated around various FEI Solidarity initiatives and how this narrative was developed at key stakeholder meetings during the year. It will also assess what has been effective in capturing media interest for FEI Solidarity stories, and what has not, while outlining how we can align objectives, strategies, and tactics to more effectively promote the important work of FEI Solidarity in 2025.

FEI VETERINARY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Veterinary Department activities related to FEI Solidarity 2023-2024

- National Head Veterinarian Conference 2024
- Scholarships for Practicing Equine Veterinarians
- Digital x-ray and ultrasound to Cambodia
- Biosecurity Education Programme
- International Movement of Horses

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National Head Veterinarians (NHVs)

NHVs are key contacts and the link between FEI Veterinary Department and FEI Veterinarians, they are involved in the production of Testing Plans within the EADCMP and a NF and FEI resource in case of outbreaks of infectious diseases. They are also a link to the national veterinary authority etc.

The 2024 NHV Conference was funded by Solidarity and kindly hosted in Istanbul by the TUR NF and TUR NOC. 62 NFs were represented and took part in the comprehensive programme with sessions on:

- NHV role and mission
- FEI vet education, roles, status, retaining and recruitment
- Clean Sport
- Biosecurity
- Case scenarios
- Working with veterinary authorities
- Social License to Operate (SLO)
- Media training (SLO)

Scholarships for Practicing Equine Veterinarians

The objective is to allow Veterinarians in developing countries to improve their clinical skills and expand networks. During 2024 the activities so far are applications from Uzbekistan and El Salvador.

- 1 Vet from Ivory Coast to Clinic des Bréviaires (FRA) 01.08 22.09.2023
- 1 Vet from Ivory Coast to Clinic des Bréviaires (FRA) 02.10 15.11.2023
- 3 Vets from Palestine to Sharjah (UAE) 04 29.09.2023 (X-ray)
- RSA: Veterinary training of existing FEI Permitted Treating and Official Veterinarians, and to encourage other Equine Veterinarians to become FEI Veterinarians. The NF has currently: Fifty-Two registered FEI Official and Treating Veterinarians, approximately thirty SAEVA Veterinarians, approximately thirty Young Equine members, approximately 60 graduating students annually who would benefit from the project

Digital x-ray and ultrasound to Cambodia

The Veterinary Department will deliver a portable digital X-ray machine and ultrasound imagining equipment purchased by Solidarity, to Cambodia and train local vets in the use of this advanced equipment.

Biosecurity Education Programme

The Solidarity biosecurity courses have excellent feedback. Currently four courses are being prepared to take place in China, India, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Malaysia.

International Movement of Horses

Within the International Horse Sport Confederation's 5 year agreement with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), the following activities takes place during 2024:

1. Regional Roadmap Activities: Follow-up with WOAH Regional and Subregional Representatives on the progress of regional roadmap initiatives.

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- 2. Harmonized Health Certificate and Sanitary Protocol Implementation:
 - a. South America:
 - Project finalized and ready for implementation
 - b. Asia and the Pacific:

 - Support to FEI Grp VIII,Regional WS Thailand Jan -24 (funded by PRC)
 - Laboratory capacity WS Japan Sept -24 (funded by PRC)
 - c. GCC Countries (Middle East):
 - Regional WS UAE Feb -24
- 3. EDFZ: Ongoing work with EDFZ for a racecourse in India
- 4. WOAH Standards Update: Revision of Chapters on Equine encephalitides (EEE/WEE)

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- 5. Diagnostic Capabilities: Continue efforts to enhance diagnostic capabilities for equine diseases, such as African Horse Sickness (AHS) and Glanders.
- 6. New Vaccines and Diagnostic Tests: Monitor and support ongoing studies for the development of new vaccines (e.g., AHS) and diagnostic tests (e.g., AHS, Glanders).

Renewal of WOAH IHSC Collaboration Agreement – proposed activities

- Update WOAH Terrestrial Code to include digital passports and a link to the FEI Horse App
- Revision of disease-specific Code Chapters: African Horse sickness, Japanese Encephalitis, Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Fever
- Animal Welfare Standards: Development of standards for Horses during transportation and create materials on good animal welfare practices targeted at Horse stakeholders.
- Antimicrobial Resistance: Develop infographics and guides on the prudent use of antimicrobials in Horses
- Health Requirements Review: Conduct a systematic review of health requirements in advance of major equestrian games and championships
- Equine Disease Preparedness: Contribute to the development of training, information sharing and educational materials for equine disease emergency preparedness

FEI CAMPUS

The FEI Campus user number has increased to 43'247 for a total of 161 online courses plus examinations as of today. The cooperation with the University of Zurich comes to an end in 2024. The Horsemanship section of FEI Campus is now populated with 79 courses, an extensive glossary and various animations to illustrate the content.

We were able to add Horsemanship courses with semi academic level on FEI Campus. These courses are of high value for the Equestrian Community and also start to raise the interest of other education platforms. The introduction of the Horse Welfare hub in 2023 has been proactive and gives the FEI a good basis to continually educate on this important subject. It consists of a forward video featuring the President and the Secretary General, three fundamental courses (an updated version of "The Study" and two new courses: "Code of Conduct for the Welfare of the Horse" and "Ethics & Welfare - an introduction") and all Horse wellbeing-related courses on FEI Campus.

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18 Horsemanship courses were translated into Spanish up to now and we will continue to add more courses. After the success with one language, the project is enlarged now to Chinese, followed by Arabic and French. The NFs of Japan, and Turkey signed agreements with the FEI to translate courses and publish them on FEI Campus. The Finish NF decided not to continue the translation project.

The publication of the FEI Rules and Regulation videos continues to be a success and we constantly improve the format to deliver concise explanations to our Officials in a dynamic approach. The development of FEI Campus 2.0 is ongoing and will be lunched in autumn 2024.

Total Courses	161
Horsemanship Courses	79
Translated Courses	22
Official Courses	30
Other Courses	11
Videos	19
Total of User	43′247
FEI ID account (34.56%)	14′945
Regular account (65.44%)	28′302

UKRAINE - FEI SOLIDARITY RELIEF FUND

Athletes training Vaulting – Polina Shovkova has been supported by FEI Solidarity for further training with Mr Anthony Bro Petit. She has been based in Germany, at Mrs Conny Raddaz' stable Pferdesportverein Garching-Alztal. A Horse has been made available for Polina's training and Vaulting competitions. She competed in several CVIs: European Championships in Bern, CVIO Aachen, CVI in Italy and Hungary.

Further FEI Solidarity support has been allocated to the Ukrainian Jumping Team for a total of: CHF 116'100.

Details of the funds allocated over 1 year:

Athletes training Vaulting, CVI expenses (Q4 2023)	22′572
Athletes training Vaulting, CVI expenses (2024)	64′277
UKR NF Salary 2024	48′000
Jumping Team Support (Q4 2023)	28′800
Jumping Team Support (2024)	43′200
Jumping Team Support (2024)	44′100
	Total 250'949

CHF 250'949 have been distributed from the FEI since August 2023.

In total CHF 949'127 have been distributed out of CHF 1'141'085.58.

CHF 191'959 are remaining in the FEI Ukraine Solidarity Relief Fund.

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GENDER EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN EQUESTRIAN SPORT

In a bid to promote and encourage gender equality in equestrian sport around the world, FEI Solidarity offers every year a grant of CHF 20'000.-, to one specific NF project or programme whose main aim and focus is the promotion of gender equality on and/or off the field. This includes, but is not limited to, programmes in relation to governance and administration, Athletes' participation, Coaches, Officials, Grooms, Farriers, etc.

Cambodia 2023

Young women in Cambodia have taken part in an equestrian training programme launched by the Cambodian Equestrian Federation (CEF) in March 2024, with support from FEI Solidarity. Targeting women aged 15 to 20, the programme aims to equip them with skills in Horse care and facility maintenance, preparing them for careers in the equestrian sector.

Supported by a FEI Gender Equality, Diversity & Inclusion in Equestrian Sport Grant, the initiative also focuses on fostering personal development and promoting gender equality within the industry. The training takes place at the Genius Resort in Phnom Penh.

You can read more here: <u>https://www.fei.org/stories/lifestyle/Horse-human/equestrian-career-young-women-cambodia</u>

RSA 2024

The Committee also decided to allocate the 2024 FEI Gender Equality Grant to the South African National Federation for a project to educate and train 100 Female Grooms across the country. GROW 100 is a gender equality initiative addressing the imbalances in equestrian sport in RSA, in the non-riding sector, breaking down harmful stereotypes, stigmas and environments within the equestrian community that hinder the accessibility for female-identifying participants.

In June 2024, the SAEF launched the Grow 100 project, promoting the initiative and inviting applicants to participate. The first group of successful candidates has been confirmed, comprising 24 female Grooms. Training commenced on 2 July 2024, with participants hailing from seven of South Africa's nine provinces. From 14 to 16 September 2024, all Grooms will convene in Kyalami, Johannesburg, for intensive training in preparation for their Module 1 test. The students are scheduled to take the Module 1 test on Monday, 16 September 2024.

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