

Press Release

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Société Générale's international banking network : strong support for Citizen Commitment Week

Société Générale staff worldwide showed strong support for the 2009 edition of Citizen Commitment Week. The Group's subsidiaries in the retail banking network (63,000 staff members) organised citizen commitment events for employees.

- Several subsidiaries, from Guinea to New Caledonia, organised blood donation sessions for their employees.
- The week also included numerous initiatives aimed at collecting clothing, books and equipment of all sorts, for distribution to charities and associations for the disadvantaged or the sick. Other examples included an initiative by all the departments and branches of Russian subsidiaries (*Banque Société Générale Vostok, Delta Credit and Rosbank*) who grouped together to collect books, which will be given to orphanages and community centres. *Société Générale de Banque au Burkina Faso* branches placed giant baskets on their premises to collect money, clothing and soap from personnel and customers alike.
- Thousands of employees got involved to raise funds via donations. In Romania, 4,500 employees throughout its network worked as *UNICEF* volunteers throughout the week.
- *Société Générale China* and *Société Générale de Banque en Côte d'Ivoire* chose an environmental theme, organising cleaning and litter-picking operations in numerous public areas. In China, personnel and their families were encouraged to pick up litter in a park, while Côte d'Ivoire mobilised at least 150 employees and local residents for its "Coup de Balai" (Sweep Up) operation in a district of Abidjan.
- Finally, several subsidiaries organised encounters between their personnel, the association concerned and the beneficiaries of their charitable work. Employees at *Société Générale Algérie (SGA)*, for example, spent a day with the children of *SOS Villages d'Enfants (SOS Children's Village)*, organising numerous events such as football and volleyball matches, art workshops and gardening.

Société Générale Group is committed to helping the underprivileged, via Talents et Partage (Talents and Sharing), its Employee Association founded in 1994, and the Société Générale Foundation for Solidarity. Since it was first established in 2005, the Foundation has provided support to 125 projects. In 2008, the Group awarded some 9 million euros in charitable donations, 4 million of which was raised by retail banking subsidiaries worldwide.

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