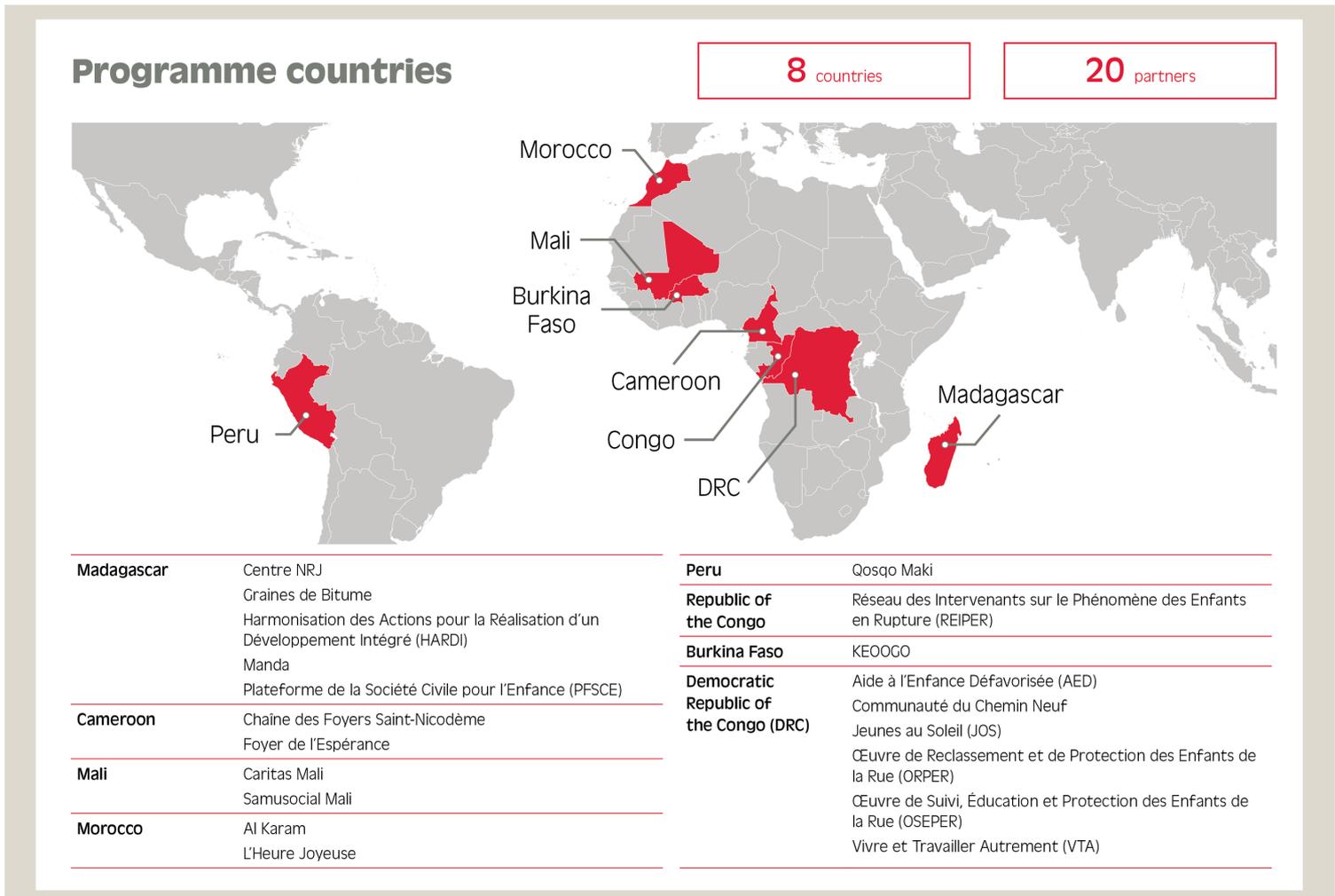


## FOCUS ON OUR ACTIONS IN THE FIELD : "CHILDREN IN STREET SITUATIONS" PROGRAMME

Every child is born with the same inalienable right to enjoy a healthy and secure childhood. Nevertheless, millions of children around the world have those rights violated and are deprived of the minimum necessary to grow up in good conditions. Many are isolated, driven from their homes and end up on the streets.

For many years, the **Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil International (FAAI)** and its partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America have been providing tangible solutions to **give hope** to these children and to enable them to **reintegrate sustainably into society**.



### The term "children in street situations" encompasses several realities experienced by the children...

- Sleeping in the street and having no contact with their family
- Living on the street **with their family**
- Alternating between the street and reception centres
- Working or spending most of the time on the street and going home at night

These girls and boys are all different, but **the street plays a central role** in their daily lives and significantly **shapes their identities**.

The **causes can be multiple** and are often a combination of **complex family situations** (marked, among other things, by violence, poverty and rural-urban migration) and **difficult social and political contexts** (deep-rooted social inequalities, inadequate social policies etc.).

# OUR ACTIONS

Together with our local partners, we offer **comprehensive support** adapted to each child. We care for the child **from the street until their full reintegration** into society, the workplace and, where possible, their family. The **young person's views** and specific situation are the basis for any decisions taken to find a tailor-made solution and help them build a life plan.

## To address the root causes of this issue, we are undertaking cross-cutting activities to:

- **Prevent street situations** by **raising awareness** of children's rights among the public and the **authorities** and **providing direct support to families**
  - Microcredit schemes, children's school support, etc.)
- **Improve support for children in street situations** by caring for young people in reception centres, mediating their return to their families and aiding their socio-professional integration
  - Schooling, training and entrepreneurship support
- **Enrich the practices of social workers** with the help of a **network of specialists** in educational issues relating to support to children in street situations.
  - Together, we have developed an in-person and online **course for social workers** to make up for the lack of appropriate training: the **"Digital Notebooks for Social Work"**.
- **Implement children's rights** by making the **voices of young people** heard and advocating for their rights with local and international authorities.

