

**\$2 million**

Government of Québec  
to support  
Internationally  
trained  
professionals



**\$850,000**

Ville de Montréal  
Saputo Foundation  
to enhance the  
microcredit offer



**2,500**

people informed



**5,465**

hours of support



**2020-2021**

Adoption of a sustainable  
development policy



Creation of a platform  
for accessing  
training  
materials



**31** webinars  
held

## Impact of Microcrédit Montréal

We are leveraging our 30 years of experience and our vast network of partnerships to provide local entrepreneurs and internationally trained professionals with the funding and tailor-made support they need to achieve their goals. Microcrédit Montréal helps vulnerable groups capitalize on their full potential. The impact of Microcrédit Montréal is demonstrated in the empowerment of entrepreneurs who are excluded from traditional financing and the integration of internationally trained professionals.

**SINCE 1990**

**\$19 million**  
leverage  
in the local  
economy

**\$930,000**  
annual budget

**9,600**  
people  
supported

**3,245**  
jobs created  
and maintained

**\$5.95 million**  
in loans  
granted

**\$2.06 million**  
in loan  
capitalization

# Entrepreneurship

SINCE 1990

**\$4.5 million**

in loans granted

**9,240**

entrepreneurs supported

**2,885**

jobs created  
and maintained

**65%**

businesses in  
operation after 5 years

**93%**

reimbursement  
rate

2020 - 2021

**120**

entrepreneurs  
trained

**250**

entrepreneurs  
supported

**2,500**

people informed

**5,465**

hours of support

## BUSINESSES FINANCED FROM APRIL 1, 2020, TO MARCH 31, 2021



### Pre-start-up loans

Loan test

**Les Jardins fabuleux**  
\$359.45

**Analoga Kawina**  
\$1500

**Sandrine Appiah**  
\$1500

**Seedtheglobe**  
\$1000

**Séverine Sottit**  
\$2000

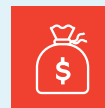
**Boudoir d'Afrique**  
\$2000

**Maison Magali**  
\$2000

**La Maison Mons Realis**  
\$2000

**James Clarke**  
\$2000

**Faytech**  
\$2000



### The loans range from \$500 to \$20,000

Business start-up, expansion and consolidation

**De Nolin**  
\$800

**Fatim Dabo**  
\$5000

**6C Assistance**  
\$6500

**9335-6475 Québec inc/ Capital H**  
\$7000

**Ivoire Cabosse Cacao Inc.**  
\$7000

**The Vute Limited**  
\$10000

**Studio S Venus**  
\$17850

**Agence Inside Immigration inc.**  
\$20000

# Women's Entrepreneurship

Virtual training and support!

**36**  
women entrepreneurs  
trained

**900**  
hours of training  
and support

**3**  
groups – 2 in French  
and 1 in English

We launched a new platform for our program participants. It is well-suited to the needs of the current situation, as it provides direct access to the course materials. This tool allows the women to balance their work and home responsibilities by reducing travel time – an ideal format!



# Internationally Trained Professionals

**\$925,000**  
loan capitalization

**\$1.5 million**  
loans granted  
since 2012

**78%**  
employed

**50%**  
recognized  
by a professional  
order

**99%**  
reimbursement rate

## New funding from the Government of Québec

The Ministère du Travail, de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité sociale has granted the sum of \$2 million to Microcrédit Montréal to relaunch the program for internationally trained professionals (Professionnels formés à l'étranger – PFÉ). This program, offered in collaboration with the Caisse d'économie solidaire Desjardins, provides loans to help professionals have their international certifications recognized in Québec.

*Thanks to the loan program "Prêts pour la reconnaissance des titres de compétences étrangers", we can attract and retain qualified international workers, whom we need to deal with the shortage of workers we are facing. This is a very important tool for immigrant workers and, more broadly, for our entire labour market.*

**Jean Boulet,**  
Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity  
and Minister responsible for the Mauricie



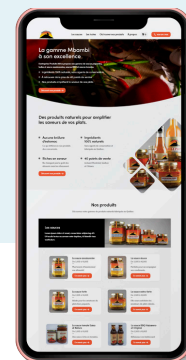
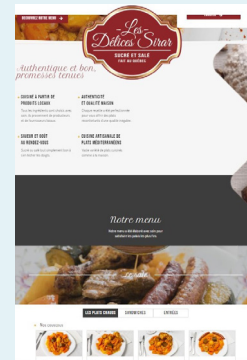
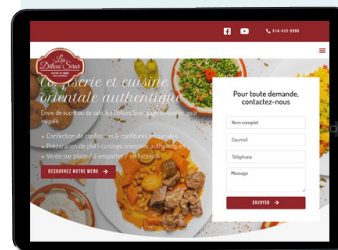
# Immigrant Women's Entrepreneurship Digital support

**352**  
women  
entrepreneurs  
participated in  
various activities

**254**  
projects  
supported

**10**  
women  
entrepreneurs  
financed

**37**  
projects- digital  
support



## Our Entrepreneurs

### Amango Cacao Artisanal chocolates

Amango Cacao arose from the shared efforts of two chocolate lovers, Lydie and Gogbeu. In Côte d'Ivoire, one was the director of a cocoa exporting cooperative and the other worked for a cocoa exporting company. So it was a natural step for them to create Amango Cacao, in Montréal, which helps ensure equitable and profitable treatment of cocoa producers. They buy directly from carefully selected cooperatives and family producers to offer very high-quality, environmentally sound chocolate to Québec consumers.



Watch the video

<https://microcreditmontreal.ca/entrepreneurs/video>

### Seedtheglobe

mini ferme hydroponique à micro pousse



Sylvain Picker founded SeedTheGlobe after losing his job due to COVID-19. With 25 years of agricultural experience, he created the hydroponic micro-sprout mini-farm in response to the growing enthusiasm for urban farming. Considered to be the least expensive in the world, the mini-farm grows in less than 10 days, with no special knowledge or expensive equipment.



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