2008. The alliance between a mutualist banking group, Crédit Agricole, and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Muhammad Yunus leads to the creation of the Foundation to take part in the fight against poverty in the world. The Crédit Agricole endows the Foundation with €50 million.

2009. The Foundation grants its first loan to KRK, a Kosovar microfinance institution, for an amount of €2 million.

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2018. Under the initiative of the Foundation and with the support of CA Indosuez Wealth (Asset Management) and CACEIS Bank Luxembourg Branch, an investment fund aimed at fostering inclusive finance in rural areas has been launched. 13 Regional Banks, Amundi and Crédit Agricole Insurances have subscribed.

2018. The Foundation’s funders now include: the Agence Française de Développement, Amundi, the European Investment Bank, Crédit Agricole Île-de-France and Crédit Agricole CIB. The financing they provide amounts to nearly €50 million.