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Sunset at Salvatorian Mission Ntita-Kapanga, DR Congo.



Introduction

As the international fundraising cell for the entire congregation, SOFIA is continuously on the outlook for funding opportunities for Salvatorian projects, programs and apostolates. Salvatorians worldwide are active in 44 nations, often in the most distant places. They serve the poorest in a number of missions and activities. SOFIA assists those Salvatorians in providing financial means by approaching grant-making institutions and foundations. SOFIA also assists them in formulating project applications and helps with management and reporting requirements.

SOFIA therefore is an important operative arm through which the Salvatorian charism of salvation-for-all translates into action. Each person is a spiritual-mental-physical unity. That is why salvation never can be narrowed down to the spiritual realm only. Salvation has everything to do with the concrete, earthly and physical life of concrete human beings in need. The Evangelist St. Matthew expresses this well in his Gospel writing: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me" (Matthew, chapter 25). SOFIA could express it like this: I was illiterate and you gave me education, built a school, provided textbooks and school fees. SOFIA could say: I was sick, and you provided nurses, you built a dispensary, provided medicine and awareness on hygiene. SOFIA could say: I was hungry, and you provided school meals, you established a farming project and gave us income to develop ourselves.

Salvation is meant for all and everywhere. SOFIA expresses this conviction in its slogan "Christian inspiration, universal charity". We proudly defend our roots in the Christian belief of salvation. In touching the wounds and the weakness of persons in need, we believe, we are touching Christ. This belief inspires and translates into humanitarian good works by Salvatorians, supported by SOFIA. The humanitarian and salvific charity action, which flows from our inspiration, is universal: We engage for every person in whatever need, encountered by Salvatorians. This belief leads us naturally to adopting an attitude of inclusion in all our projects. We accept all persons, of all races and beliefs into our activities and structures, because every human being is a child of the saving God.

We owe a big and heartfelt "Thank You" to all the persons, foundations and entities, which were ready to collaborate with us in so many ways and means. Without their concrete help and their interest, nothing of what is contained in this report would have been possible.

We hope that this report shows some of our dedication to the poorest. We hope that our activities and initiatives of the last three years have contributed to their salvation.

Fr. Piet Cuijpers, SDS
Director

SOFIA Activity Focus

Our inspiration translates into SOFIA activities concerning i) project design and management; ii) fundraising, networking and communication; iii) training and organizational development concerning Salvatorian missionary activities.

Activities, projects and programs are organized in the following focus areas, in each of which SOFIA supported and supports several projects and for each of which SOFIA found grants in short term or multi-annual programs:

a) Education

- Formal (signature projects: Wokovu School Complex, JUCO)
- Informal (signature projects: Alsa Buhay, Slum Art Courses)

b) Environment and Sustainability

- Rural Development (signature project: Coelho Neto Agricultural Cooperation)
- Green Energy (signature project: ELKAP)
- Water and Sanitation (signature project: Water for Musumba)

c) Health (signature projects: AJAM, Dispensary Namiungo)

d) Capacity Building

- Safeguarding (signature project: One Stop Help Centre, Collaboration CCP)
- Fundraising and project management (signature project: Missionary Fundraising Workshop)
- Governance and Leadership (signature projects: Development of Support Services Structure Salvatorian Generalate, Structural Review Congolese Province, Institutional Development JUCO)
- Promotion for Women (signature project: Solidarité)

e) Pastoral

- Formation for Seminary Formators (signature project: Extension CFD Krakow)
- Mobility (signature projects: providing transportation means for parishes)
- Constructing the Local Church (signature project: providing means for parish infrastructure e.g. catechetical centres, village chapels)
- Salvatorian Formation (signature project: professional management and financial education of Salvatorians)

f) Emergency help (assistance in the past years ranged from: rain and flood disasters, earthquakes, fire, food programs)

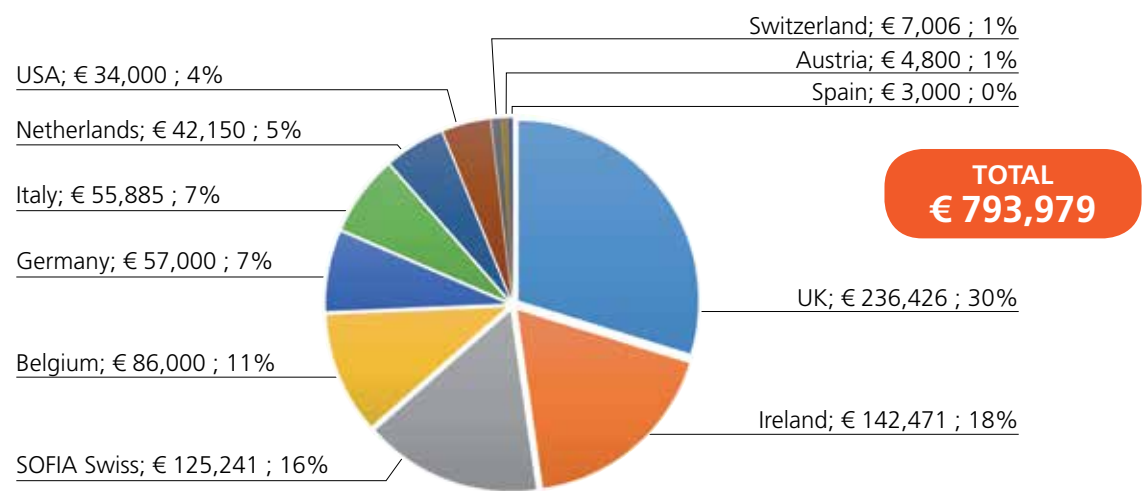
Many projects deal with a number of crosscutting themes: gender equality, environment, sustainability, good governance and promotion of human rights. These themes, underlying elements in many projects, often are connected with inclusion, either of minorities or of the economically deprived.

Project Grants Received

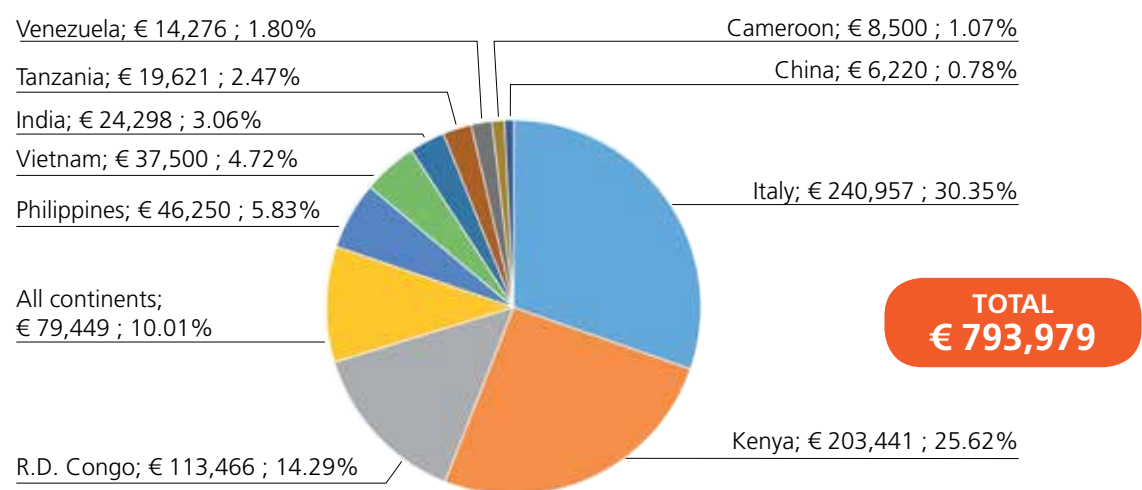
i. List of Projects

Not specific to one country			
	Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral and Social Work	€	36.667
	Scholarships for Salvatorian Formation	€	10.050
	Budget Support for Salvatorian Missions	€	8.906
	Translation Book on Founder	€	14.505
Cameroon			
Ndikinimeki	Electricity Installation Salvatorian Formation House	€	8.500
China			
	Budget Support	€	2.000
Democratic Republic of the Congo			
Kapanga, Ntita	Childbirth Sponsorships	€	770
Kapanga, Ntita	Repair Catechetical Centre	€	300
Katanga	Support for the Salvatorian Project Office	€	34.000
Kolwezi, Manika	Scholarship Program for Children	€	1.355
Kolwezi, Manika	Equipment Butchery	€	17.425
Kolwezi, Tshabula	Bus for Mobility Students	€	46.812
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air	Scholarship Programme for Children attending Primary School	€	445
	Budget Support	€	850
India			
Laitkynsew	Renovation of Kitchen, Refectory and Hostel of Divine Savior School	€	2.960
Italy			
Rome	Organizational Development - Support Services of the Congregation	€	29.457
Kenya			
Emboliey	Emergency Relief Drought	€	14.091
Eldoret, Kipkaren	Construction of a Water Well	€	9.548
Eldoret, Kipkaren	Budget Support for the Mission	€	10.591
Eldoret, Osorongai	Construction Salvatorian House	€	65.000
Eldoret, Osorongai	Repair Primary School	€	685
Karen	AJAM - Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries	€	112.500
Philippines			
Manila	ALSA BUHAY - Alternative Learning in the Slums	€	20.000
Manila	Scholarships for Slum Children	€	2.000
Manila	Emergency Relief Fire Slum	€	8.945
Manila	Repair Formation House	€	13.000
Tanzania			
Namiungo	Construction of Water Well	€	10.950
Namiungo	Equipment for Dispensary St. Joseph	€	3.500
Venezuela			
Caracas, Catia Slum	Support for Neglected Children	€	1.190
Caracas, Catia Slum	Repair School El Vivero	€	8.500
Vietnam			
Ben Cat	Repair Community House	€	37.500
TOTAL		€	533.002

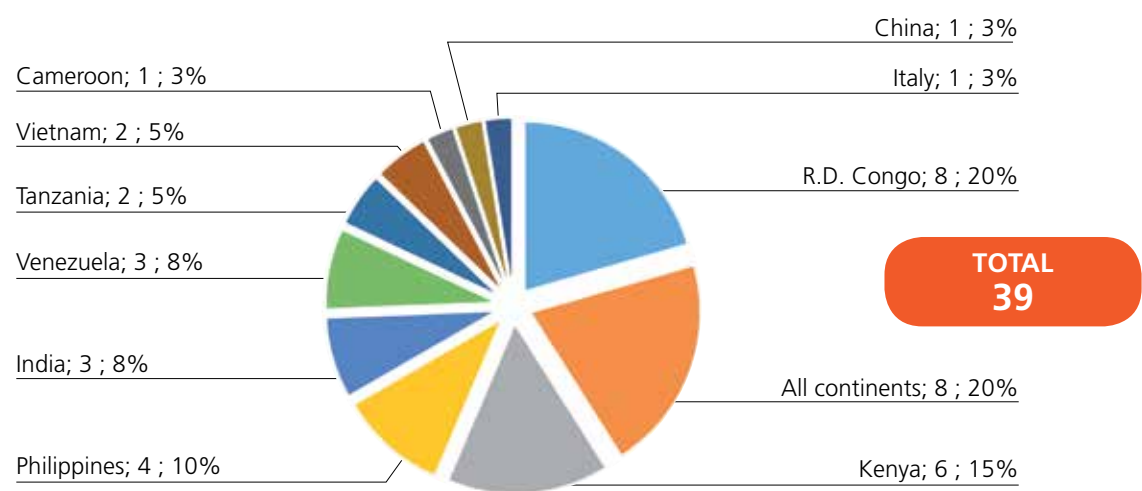
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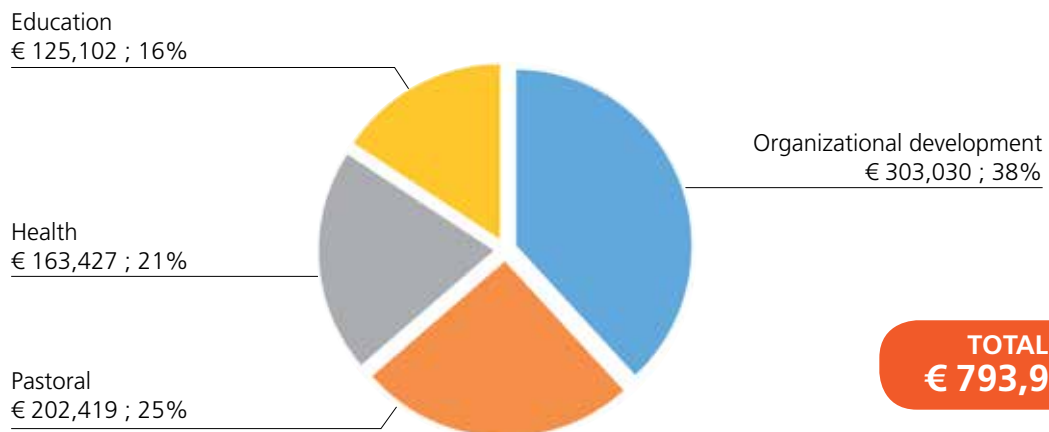
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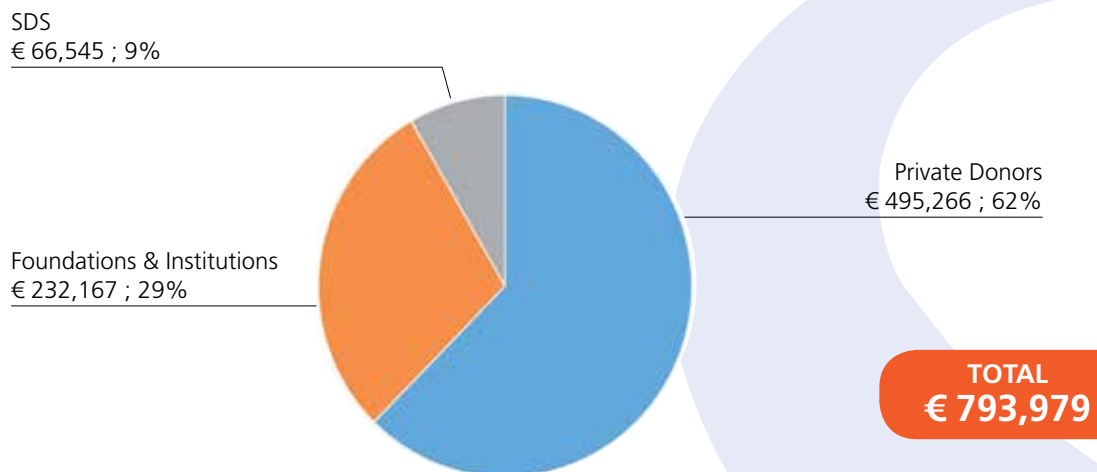
iv. Number of Projects per Country



v. Type of Projects



vi. Type of Funding



1 UPONYAJI MASHINANI – Healing from the grassroots

Location: **Kajiado County, Kenya**

Type: **HEALTH**

AJAM (Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries) is a community-based faith-organization established in 2000 by the Apostles of Jesus Missionaries Institute with the scope of responding to the challenges of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kajiado County, Kenya. Over the years, following its mission to prevent, control, mitigate and stop the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS at community level, AJAM has developed a grass-root-based holistic programme, which addresses HIV/AIDS and related issues. Implementing partners are local communities, NGOs and governmental stakeholders.

The Society of the Divine Saviour has been cooperating with AJAM since 2010. SOFIA assists AJAM in raising funds for its work. In addition, SOFIA has been monitoring the work of AJAM and helping develop an evaluation, a needs assessment for future engagement and a strategic plan.

The problem the project is addressing has many faces. A majority of the population in Kajiado County does not have access to quality and efficient health care. There is not enough qualified staff available to cover the demand and the few facilities available often lack working tools, supplies and equipment. The children's health is vulnerable due to malnutrition, poverty, low immunization coverage and lack of access to health care services. The current HIV/AIDS situation in Kajiado



SOFIA Field Visit January 2018.

County presents a major challenge. A specific problem is the need to reduce the Mother-to-Child-Transmission. To address these issues, the project will empower the already available services offered by the AJAM Mission Health Centre, by setting up a real Child Welfare Clinic and the creation of a Comprehensive Care Centre.

The new three-year project aims to improve the health status of the people living in Kajiado North, East and West, through a combination of preventive, promotive and curative health care interventions addressing the physical, psychological, social and spiritual need of the community. Within the target population, there are various types of beneficiaries (mothers-to-be, babies and children, youth, adult men and women, health operators, communities, public and private partners). We therefore expect to have changes in the lives of the local people, in terms of increased knowledge and awareness, improved health-seeking behaviour, right communication, improved general health, reduced HIV/AIDS rates and spread, reduced stigma.

The project addresses three areas:

1. Increase access to improved maternal, neonatal and child integrated outpatient services for mothers and children under the age of five. Under this objective, AJAM organizes immunization campaigns and provides services through a Child Welfare Centre and scales up the Focused Antenatal and Postnatal Care.
2. Improve access to health care services for the management of communicable and non-communicable diseases, with a focus on HIV/AIDS. Under this objective, AJAM puts up a Comprehensive Care Centre, offers voluntary counselling and testing services and provides antiviral medication. HIV-patients receive nutritional support and integrated health care services. The well-organized follow-up prevents mother to child transmission. Medical camps and on-site formation sessions covering the entire area help to reach people.
3. Increase the ability of the community in prevention and in managing its health challenges. Under this objective, training takes an important position. Community health volunteers, HIV-positive patients and community health committees each receive input, guidance and accompaniment. Health outreaches to Maasai-settlements help building awareness especially among men and adolescents.

The AJAM Health Centre collaborates closely with the County Government and networks with stakeholders, including the private sector. By improving the community health infrastructure and by promoting a participatory approach, the communities will be empowered and achieve a better quality of life.



2 Father Francis Jordan Scholarship Fund

Location: **Tanzania, India and Philippines**

Type: **CAPACITY BUILDING AND EDUCATION**

SOFIA Global initiated the “Fr. Jordan Scholarship Fund” on the occasion of the centenary of the death anniversary of Fr. Francis Jordan, the Founder of the Salvatorians. The Fund aims to promote secular higher education among Salvatorians from the mission units and prepares members to minister to a changing world. The scholarship does not support studies in Europe or USA. St. Augustine coined the word ‘saeculum’ to mean ‘the present age.’ SOFIA believes in the importance of imparting secular specialised education

among the Salvatorians, to address the concern of the modern world – our present day “saeculum” – and minister to a population that is struggling with issues concerning their own existence. Even though religious training helps to root oneself in the faith, the reasoning and the teaching of the church, the secular education in a specific field of interest would enable to minister efficiently in a specific sector, such as education, health, social work etc. So far, the Fr. Jordan Scholarship Fund has helped four Salvatorians from three different countries to peruse secular studies and obtain a degree in education, social work and psychology. SOFIA hopes to continue supporting members of the mission units to help them become change agents and increase their efficiency to serve the church and humanity.



3 Intervention to mitigate consequences of drought in Kajiado County

Location: **Kajiado-West and -North, Kenya**

Type: **EMERGENCY HELP**

The most severe drought in decades by the end of 2016 and early 2017 struck extensive parts of Kenya and particularly the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) regions, Kajiado County being one of them. On 10 February 2017, President Uhuru Kenyatta declared the drought a National Disaster and appealed for international help. The drought caused successive failed harvests, wide spread livestock deaths in most areas and a tripling of humanitarian needs since the beginning of 2016. The prices of cereals and other staple foods rose to unusually high levels, posing a heavy burden to households. More than 75% of people in Kajiado County rely on livestock and small holding agriculture as their primary source of food and income. Food insecurity and malnutrition rates were alarming with some 150,000 people in need of food assistance. Half of this number were children, suffering severe, acute malnutrition. Because of the situation, the level of school attendance had fallen dramatically. While food and water were the immediate need, the associated health threats were also critical, as people resorted to drinking polluted water, thus increasing the likelihood of diseases. The county government did not have enough capacity and resources to reach all the starving families across the vast region.

The Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries (AJAM), a long-time partner of SOFIA, are firmly rooted in the area and run a HIV-AIDS prevention programme in Kajiado County. AJAM responded with an emergency project call to international donors, taking profit from its extensive knowledge in the area. SOFIA contacted one of its funders, Mísean Cara in Ireland, for an emergency help grant. The project consisted of four interventions, from which benefitted 25,000 persons in the area:

- 1) Purchase and distribution of food and nutritional support to 3,630 starving children, 764 pregnant women, and 525 elderly facing malnutrition from Kajiado West and North Sub-Counties.
- 2) Drilling and equipping of two boreholes in Kajiado West to ensure availability of clean water for six primary schools (3,400 children) and 700 households (seven people/household, around 4,900 persons) together with their livestock. This intervention took place in Emboley and Olooitikosh Manyatas.
- 3) Hiring of three bowsers to supply clean water to the ten most affected rural primary schools (5,000 children) and five dispensaries, to ensure that the learning in schools continues and that no children will suffer from water-borne diseases from drinking contaminated water.
- 4) Scaling-up the health outreaches and nutritional services to children, elderly and the sick in Kajiado North and West Sub-Counties targeting 6,000 people with nutritional supplements and treatment of malnutrition and water-borne diseases.

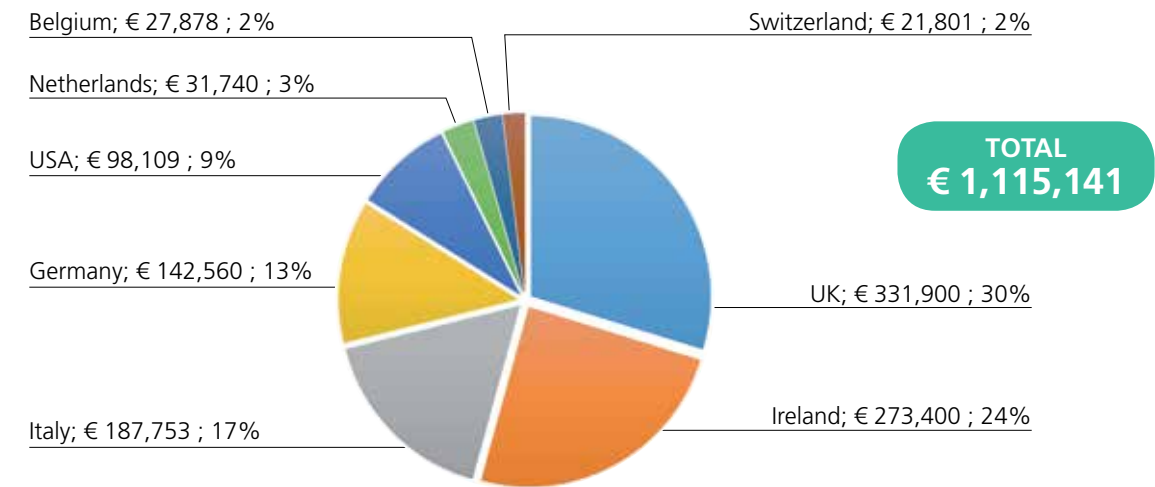


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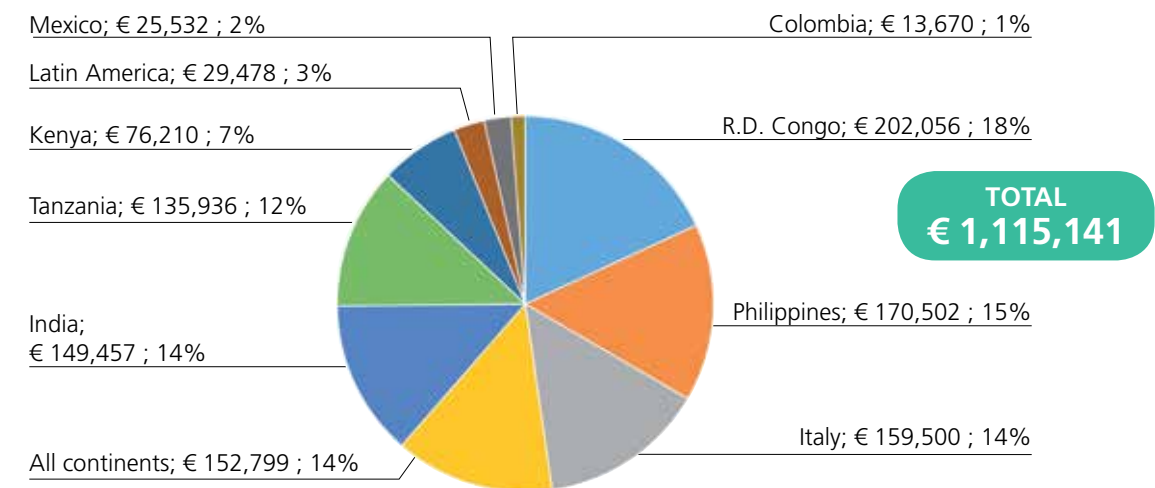
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	Mass Intentions in Support for Pastoral Work	€	68.440
	Scholarships for Salvatorian Formation	€	30.000
	Budget Support for Salvatorian Missions	€	25.084
	Fundraising Workshop for Mission Projects	€	24.107
Mexico			
Xoxocotla	Budget Support	€	5.531
Xoxocotla	Construction Salvatorian House	€	20.000
Democratic Republic of the Congo			
Kapanga, Ntita	Childbirth Sponsorships	€	415
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air	Construction Wokovu Technical School	€	78.651
Kapanga, Ntita	ELKAP Capacity Development	€	80.150
Kolwezi, Manika	Scholarship Program for Children	€	500
Sandoa	Mobility for Pastoral Work - Vehicle	€	28.550
Kapanga, Ntita	Mobility for Pastoral Work - Motorbikes	€	9.500
Kasomeno	School Manuals	€	3.770
India			
Laitkynsew	Teacher's Quarters and Material Divine Savior School	€	63.940
Shillong	Multipurpose Hall Construction	€	50.000
Nongbah	Construction Village Chapel	€	13.500
Nongbah	Needs Assessment Regional Development	€	3.800
Kerala	Flooding Emergency Relief	€	14.550
Warangal	Water Purification System Formation House	€	1.305
Warangal	Mobility for Pastoral Work - Motorbikes	€	2.362
Italy			
Rome	Support Services of the Congregation	€	159.500
Kenya			
Eldoret, Kipkaren	Budget Support	€	6.310
Eldoret, Osorongai	Construction Salvatorian House	€	44.300
Eldoret, Osorongai	Repair Primary School	€	235
Karen	AJAM - Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries	€	28.500
Philippines			
Manila	ALSA BUHAY - Alternative Learning in the Slums	€	100.002
Talon	Repair Formation House	€	70.500
Tanzania			
Namiungo	Water Well for Dispensary St. Joseph	€	4.438
Namiungo	Equipment for Dispensary St. Joseph	€	7.250
Namiungo	Repair Formation House	€	7.590
Morogoro	JUCo Safeguarding Workshop + Needs Assessment	€	8.141
Morogoro	JUCo ICT Department and Modernization	€	89.841
Morogoro	Computers Mater Salvatoris Study House	€	6.675
Masasi	Technical Development Radio Fadhila	€	12.000
Guatemala			
San Marcos	Creation Social Centre	€	5.000
Colombia			
Medellín	Women in Action	€	13.670
Peru			
Jaén	Mobility for Pastoral Work - Vehicle	€	21.378
Venezuela			
Caracas, Catia	Support Home for Street Children	€	3.100
TOTAL		€	1.112.585

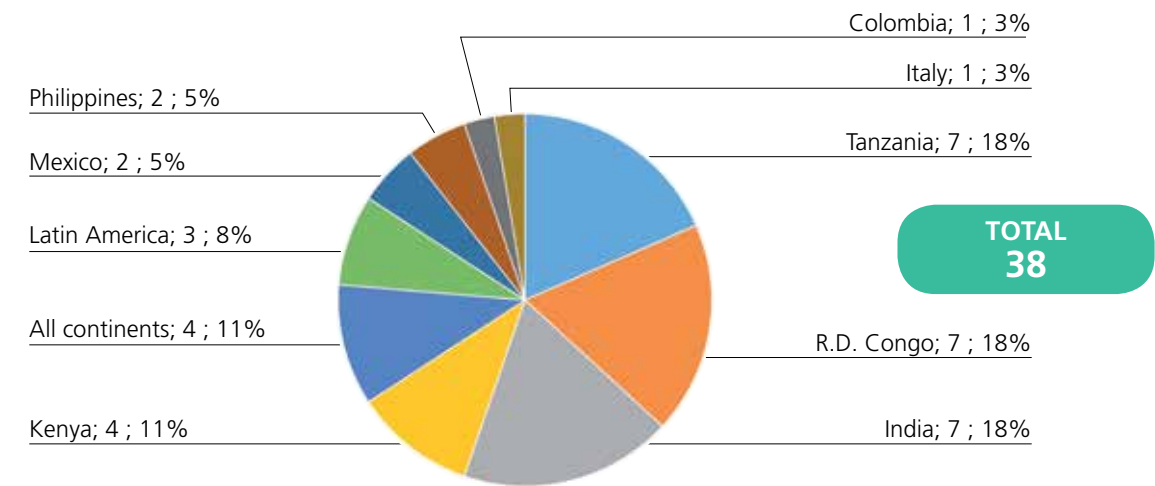
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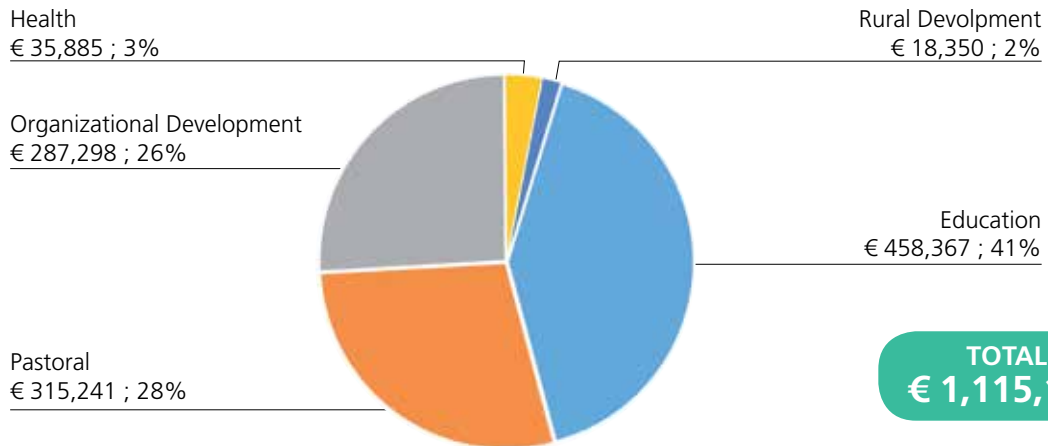
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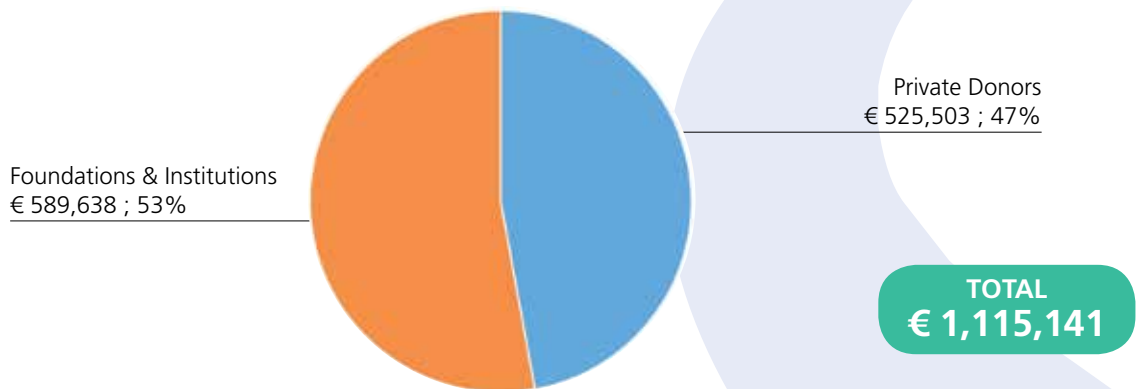
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1 ELKAP Organizational Development

Location: **Musumba and Kapanga,
DR Congo**

Type: **ORGANIZATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND
CAPACITY BUILDING**

ELKAP ASBL and SOFIA Global, with the support of Miseen Cara, carried out an empowerment project: "Capacity Building for Rural Development. Empowerment of the Community in Kapanga for the long-term sustainable management and use of the recently inaugurated hydropower energy system". This capacity-building project started in 2016 and concluded in March 2020.



The empowerment project had three main objectives: 1) to enhance the capability of the local team to manage the power plant and ensure its financial sustainability; 2) to conduct awareness campaigns to the local population, spreading information on the advantages and risks of electricity; 3) to encourage ELKAP's customers starting new productive activities, consequently improving the living condition of the areas.

The team worked hard to achieve these objectives and to provide a high quality service to all the beneficiaries who are contributing themselves to the financial success of the project. In the course of the project, ELKAP connected more than 500 households, public buildings and commercial activities – many more than originally foreseen. The implementation of the activities has been very challenging due to the geographical position of the power plant, situated in the rural territory of Kapanga, 700 km from Kolwezi, the major city of the Lualaba Province. The project allowed providing several trainings and awareness sessions to the local team and to the population. In addition, equipment and materials have been provided to extend the electrical lines and reach more beneficiaries.

The positive impact of the project can be noticed visiting the main public buildings of the area, such as schools and hospitals. Access to electricity allowed a drastic improvement for all these services. In hospitals, electricity allows the use of modern equipment all over the day, considerably decreasing the cost of fuel consumption. Drugs and vaccines can now be stored in



fridges. In some of the local schools, the electricity allowed the introduction of modern IT technologies and an internet connection. The clean energy provided by the power plant allowed reducing operating costs of radio stations and other local telecommunication services. The local companies reduced drastically their fuel costs and their interruption of service due to lack of fuel. Instead of transmitting their broadcasts only few hours per day, now several radio stations transmit all day long. In the local market, many commercial activities have started, like small shops to charge mobile phones, printer shops or photography studios, helping students and teachers

completing their documents and works for schools and university. Groceries allow the population to buy fresh and well conserved food. In Musumba, now there are pharmacies to buy drugs, stored in fridges. New guesthouses allow the accommodation for people coming from other towns or villages, mostly traders, state officials or staff of NGO's. Carpentries are equipped with new tools, to improve woodworking. Welding became much cheaper and so this allows the production of new products or the reparation of broken ones.

Now the phase of consolidation of the power plant has finished, the ELKAP team has new challenging objectives for the development of the territory and for the well-being of the local population. Indeed, ELKAP is willing to improve the water access in the surrounding villages, renewing the wells and installing new electrical pumps. The latter water project would be another spin-off initiative of the electricity project.



2 Development Support Services Salvatorian Generalate

Location: **Rome, Italy**

Type: **ORGANIZATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AND
CAPACITY BUILDING**

Following the strategic review of the Salvatorian Office for International Aid (SOFIA) and of the Salvatorian Generalate in 2013-14, the Generalate decided to restructure its administrative services in the Roman headquarters. Next to the already existing international fundraising office SOFIA, it created the General Support Services, which combined a few already existing elements of its administration. A full-fledged supporting administrative structure was created, to support the leadership work of the General Council, which encompasses managerial, financial as well as administrative aspects.

The creation of General Support Services had become a pressing necessity, spurred by the geographical and numeric growth of the Salvatorian congregation. The Generalate in Rome however saw its hands bound because of financial and ideological reasons. The generous 4-year grant of the Winkler Family made the realisation of this project possible.

The General Chapter, the highest legislative body of the congregation that meets once in six years, approved of the set up in 2018. This means that the administrative structure has reached full acceptance within the congregation and is now financed by

it. Based upon the experiences gained through the process, the Salvatorian international leadership now avails of a real administration, including 5 departments concerning essential elements to the Salvatorians' mission: formation, mission, legal assistance, modern management accounting, professional secretarial assistance and IT and communication structures. Operations have become more efficient, an Advisory Board has met ten times and earned the trust of the Salvatorian leadership, who have used it to develop and test innovative concepts.

3 Technical School WOKOVU

Location: **Bel-Air District,
Lubumbashi, RDCongo**

Type: **EDUCATION**



The present project is part of a wider initiative aiming at creating a Salvatorian school complex in the Bel-Air district of Lubumbashi. It is after continuous requests from the families to organise kindergarten and primary education that the Salvatorians decided to set up first a kindergarten and then a primary school. A substantial part of the population cannot afford to send their children to school in other districts. Sending the children on foot would be too dangerous because of unsafe and densely trafficked roads. Consequently, many children do not get proper school education. The construction of the kindergarten started in 2009 and was completed in August 2011. In the current school year 2019-2020 there are 625 children enrolled. The construction of the primary school started in July 2012 and concluded in 2015. The current number of students

enrolled in the primary section is 1356. The high enrolment numbers, much more than planned at the outset, vouch for the success of the school, which offers quality infrastructure as well as quality education styles and contents. Moreover, the Salvatorians adopted a conscious gender policy and decided they would have 50 % of the places reserved for girls. This goal is upheld until today and effectively half of the students are girls, whereby Wokovu school complex is performing much better than the national average.

In September 2016, after an external needs assessment, the construction of a secondary technical section - providing training in the fields of electricity, industrial electronics and commercial management - started. The first part of that school was inaugurated in September 2017. Currently this technical school has 373 students enrolled. Along with constructing the school, the Salvatorians conducted an awareness campaign to promote technical secondary education for girls. So far, we have accomplished the first two phases out of six, and have two fully equipped buildings with 14 classrooms. SOFIA is raising funds to add two more wings to this school. One building will host library, computer lab, classroom, administration offices, teachers' room and a sanitary facility. A second building will host technical laboratories and additional classrooms. At the end, a multipurpose facility will be the crown on the work. The entire school complex, the local district and the local parish can all take enormous profit from such an infrastructure. The school complex eventually will count over 2500 students.

4 Propel a University College into the 21st Century as to Information Technology

Location: **Morogoro, Tanzania**

Type: **EDUCATION**

Although Tanzania sees an economic development with a constant rise of its GDP, there is an overall lack of sufficiently trained human resources. Higher Education Graduates are not sufficiently prepared and qualified for the technological, scientific and administrative needs of employers in Tanzania. The reason for this is a lack of professional training by qualified personnel and a lack of educational infrastructure (e.g. like laboratories, libraries and ICT equipment). The cognitive skills of a population are strongly related to individual earnings, to the distribution of income, and to economic growth. Empirical results stress the overall importance of both

minimal and high level skills, the complementarity of skills, and the interdependence between skills and growth. There is no higher education in ICT available in the town or the region. This affects the economic development of the region. Nowadays, ICT skills and the availability of recent computer hardware are essential to participate in the national and global market.

The Salvatorians own and operate Jordan University College (JUCO) at Morogoro. They developed a project in collaboration with the Italian ngo Movimento Lotta Fame nel Mondo (MLFM), which they submitted for funding to the Italian Bishops Conference (CEI). The project runs over a three-year period and foresees the following activities:

- 1) Creation of the ICT Department, selection and formation of the personnel: The department was





created within the Faculty of Social Sciences. The staff consists of a Department Head, three professors and three assistants. The Tanzanian Commission for Universities temporarily approved the Bachelor of Science Program in Computer Science.

- 2) Equipment of the ICT labs, extension of optical wire and creation of Wi-Fi hot spots: two outdated computer labs were endowed with 80 new computers and up to date internet connection. Three hot spots were created, covering 1200 m² of surface in the centre of the campus.
- 3) Development of a Masters in Science, which will allow students to form themselves in a five year period to

write computer programmes, to personalize commercial software, to develop and personalize mobile apps, to manage databases, to design and manage web applications.

- 4) Awareness building in the community through the secondary schools: students of the two highest years of secondary studies will be invited at Open Days throughout the school year, to get an orientation concerning ICT at the University College. In the three years of the project, 4500 students will pass through this module of the program.

In 2020, the project completed its second year out of three. It is developing in a satisfying way.

5 Teacher's Quarters for Divine Saviour English Medium School

Location: **Village Laitkynsew, Meghalaya, India**

Type: **EDUCATION + RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Meghalaya is amongst the least-developed States of Northeast India, an already strongly underdeveloped region in India. The project is located in the Salvatorian parish compound in Laitkynsew, an extremely isolated mission at the Indo-Bangladeshi border composed by 36 villages scattered along hills and mountains. The population is economically poor and lives out of sustenance agriculture and small trade.

Like the other six States of Northeast India, so-called Scheduled Tribes, who are categorised on the same rank as the lowest castes, populate Meghalaya. They are widely recognised as socially isolated, politically underrepresented, and under-empowered. In the area of the Salvatorian parish, the two tribes of Khasi and Garo are represented.

Education, and especially quality education in English language, is a major need in the region, particularly in these isolated villages. The Salvatorians are already managing 13 state schools in the 36 villages, and for such reason they have very good contacts with the local education authorities. They started a new private English medium primary school with nursery and kindergarten.





Entrance Procession of Eucharist at Inauguration of the Building (January 2020).

After having constructed the school, they rehabilitated an old building into a hostel for 35 boys. A residential hostel building is fundamental in this remote and often inaccessible mission site. They established a reliable and clean source of water and purchased a school bus to transport children from surrounding villages. A small community of religious sisters helps the school staff accomplish the goal of quality education on the margin of the enormous Indian subcontinent.

The current project contains three parts. First, to make the school a more attractive work place for good teachers, the Salvatorians establish by this project a small new building, containing teacher's quarters and a canteen. Second, the project foresees training for the schools' managing

committee in basic management skills for educational institutions. This will empower the school management in the daily running and future planning of the educational services in view of the expansion of the classes up to class 10. Third, better equip the vocational training centre to empower the people of the surrounding tribal villages.

A community centre for adult skills training courses was also established. It officially started as "Jordan Vocational Training Centre" in October 2017 with three courses: computer, tailoring and candle making. The centre enjoys the constant support of the local ngo WISE for the training activities. In future, a floor will be added to the new teacher's quarters building, thereby creating more space for the community training centre.

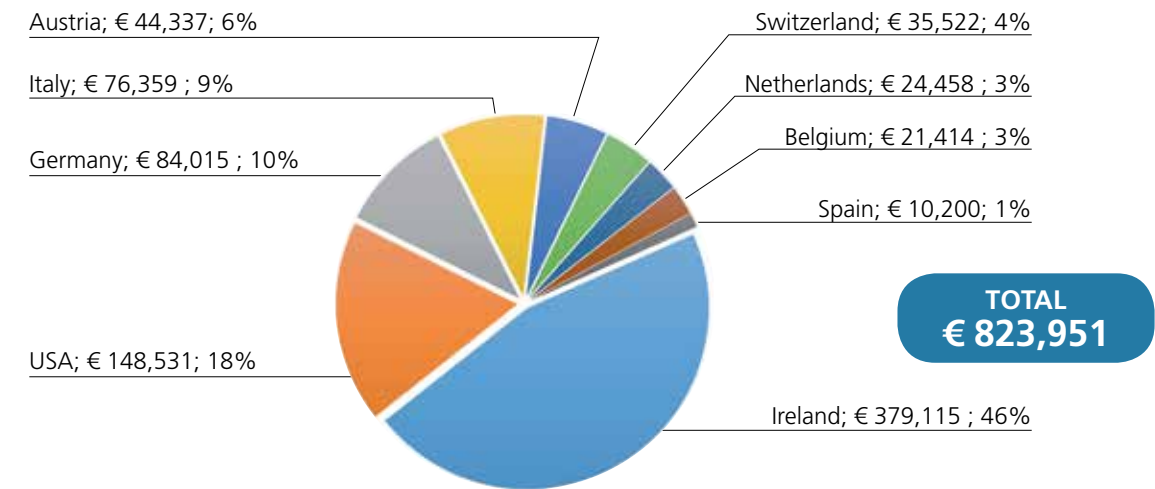


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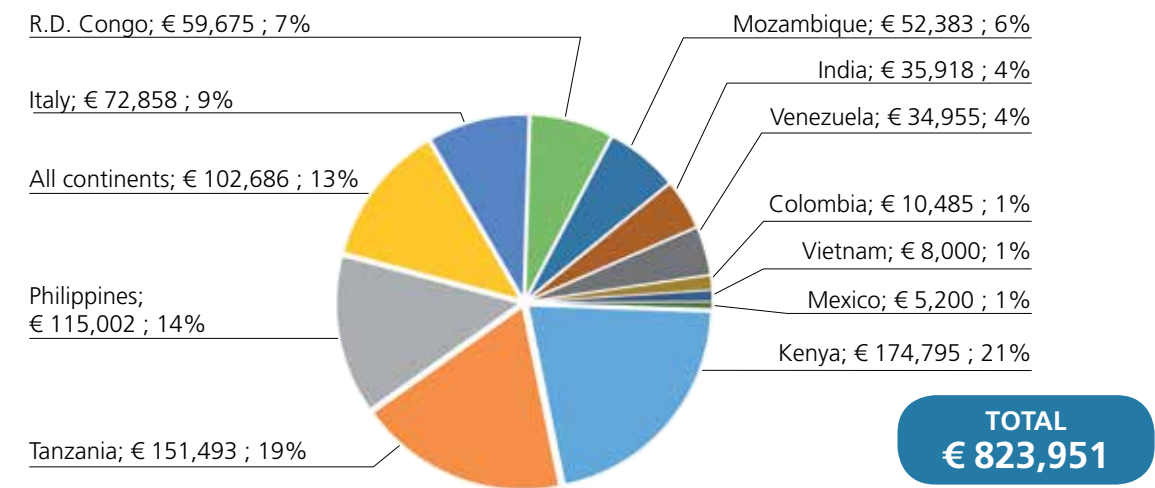
i. List of Projects

Not specific to one country			
	Mass Intentions in Support for Pastoral Work	€	33.624
	International School for Salvatorian Formators	€	50.000
	Support for SOFIA Overhead Costs	€	28.500
	Fundraising Workshop for Mission Projects	€	72.787
	Safeguarding Workshop Int. School for Salv. Formators	€	9.999
Mexico			
Xoxocotla	Contribution for vehicle	€	5.200
Democratic Republic of the Congo			
Kapanga, Ntita	Childbirth Sponsorships	€	284
Kapanga, Ntita	ELKAP Capacity Development	€	41.450
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air	Scholarship Program for Children	€	286
Kolwezi	Computers for Salvatorian Students	€	7.102
India			
Laitkynsew	Teacher's Quarters for Divine Savior School	€	5.593
Laitkynsew	Support Parish Work	€	4.825
Nongbah	Construction Village Chapel	€	13.500
Nongbah	Primary School Construction	€	17.500
Nongbah	Host Baking Machine	€	5.000
Italy			
Rome	Immigrant Project Apostolato Accademico Salvatoriano	€	9.302
Kenya			
Eldoret, Kipkaren	Budget Support	€	2.390
Eldoret, Osorongain	Additional Land for Secondary School	€	10.000
Eldoret, Osorongai	Enlargement Primary School	€	6.310
Eldoret, Osorongai	Water Well for Primary School	€	6.286
Kajiado County	AJAM - Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries	€	141.300
Philippines			
Manila	ALSA BUHAY - Alternative Learning in the Slums	€	80.002
Manila	Scholarships for Slum Children	€	35.000
Tanzania			
Morogoro	JUCo One Stop Help Center for Abused Children	€	45.000
Morogoro	JUCo Repair Water Purification Installation	€	23.000
Morogoro	JUCo ICT Department and Modernization	€	43.029
Morogoro	Cowshed Formation House	€	10.414
Mkuranga	Construction Primary School	€	18.000
Mozambique			
Beira	Flooding Disaster	€	34.650
Chokwe	Farming and Income Generation	€	4.100
Chokwe	Repair Catechetical Center	€	13.633
Colombia			
Medellín	Women in Action	€	10.485
Brazil			
Coelho Neto	Support for Youth Program	€	500
Venezuela			
Caracas, Catia	Support Home for Street Children	€	3.100
Caracas, Catia	School Meals	€	30.000
Caracas, Catia	Computers for SDS Students	€	1.800
TOTAL		€	823.951

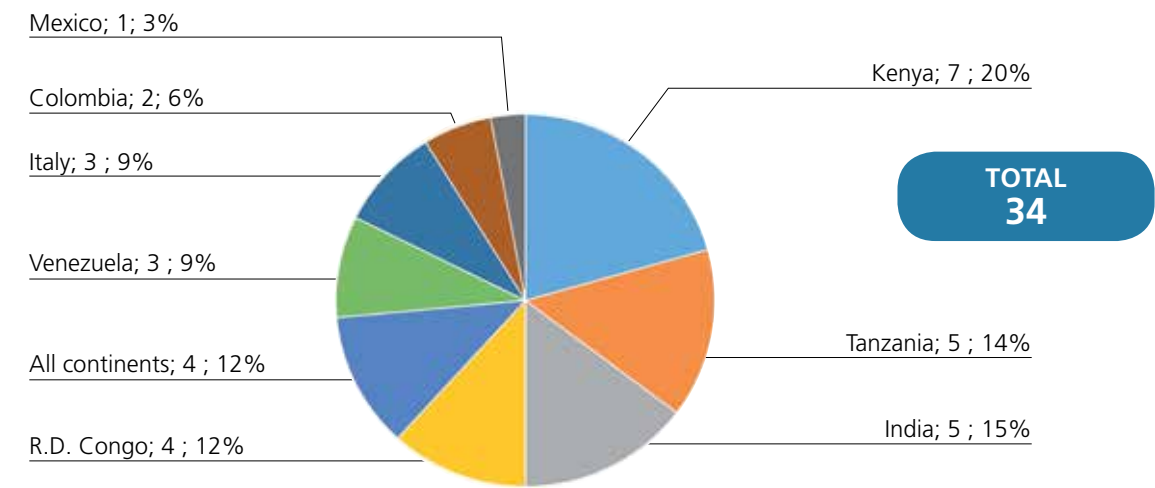
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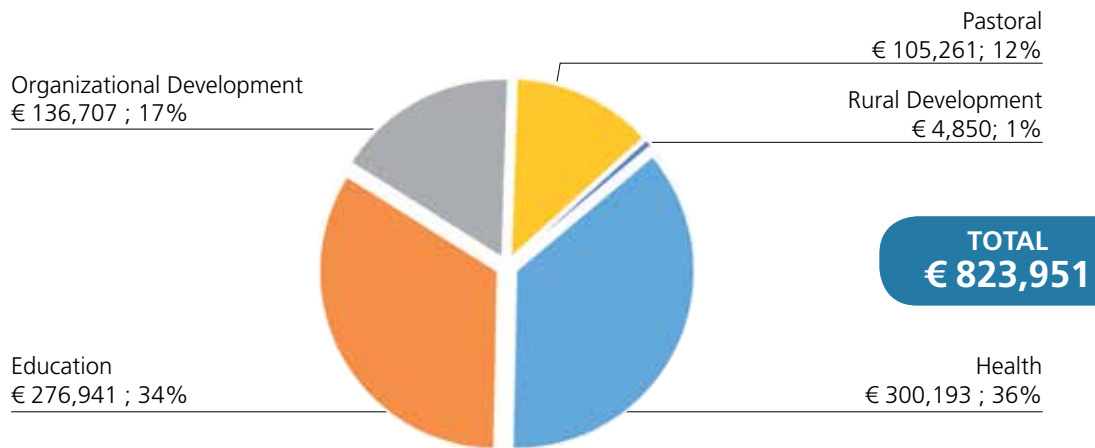
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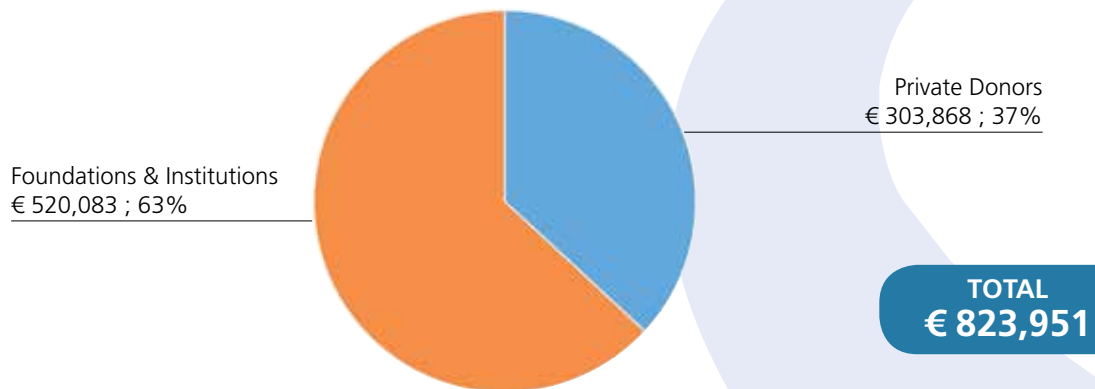
iv. Number of Projects per Country



v. Type of Projects



vi. Type of Funding



1 International Workshop on Project Writing & Fundraising for Missionary Work

Location: **Rome, Italy**

Type: **CAPACITY BUILDING**

SOFIA engages since many years in capacity building projects. This concrete project supports religious congregations in their fundraising work. In 2019, 50 participants attended. They belonged to 26 different religious organisations and came from 28 different nations. SOFIA believes in empowering the missionaries around the world to meet the challenges of finding new resources, to continue serving humanity in the peripheries. The annual workshop is an answer to the requests both from religious congregations as well as from donor agencies to train personnel involved in fundraising and project management. SOFIA has been one of the pioneering organisations in Rome to address this topic, by designing and imparting a specialised training program. We collaborate with Br. Allen Sherry, fms (of Marist Solidarity-Australia) and Dr. Arnout Mertens, International Director of Programmes and Innovation at JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service). The annual increase of applicants reflects the quality of the program offered to the

participants. In the past years, SOFIA has successfully trained more than 350 missionaries involved in catholic social apostolates from about 50 countries. Many of them are now successful project managers in various parts of the world and continue to serve the needy. Aid to the Church in Need, The US Embassy to the Holy See and Misesan Cara have been long-term supporters and partners of this endeavour.

The core contents of the workshop circles around the following themes: The steps of the project cycle; Results focused planning; Preparing budgets and financial plans; Monitoring and evaluation; Preparing narrative and financial reports; Introduction to Catholic funding agencies in Europe and the US; Government sources of funding for missionary projects; Understanding how funding agencies operate; Two guest speakers from Catholic funding agencies; Nurturing donor relationships and strategies to grow your donor base; An introduction to corporate partnerships, events, digital marketing; Roundtable on setting up a solidarity or development office and working with lay collaborators.

In 2019, SOFIA also organised two smaller, specialised workshops concerning missionary projects. One on accounting and one on monitoring and evaluation. Both were successful and had good attendance rates.



2 Enhancement of a Tribal Village Primary School

Location: **Nongbah, Meghalaya, India**

Type: **EDUCATION**

Since the Indian Salvatorians in 2015 took responsibility for the parish and school complex in the remote village of Nongbah, the St. John Vianney School has seen an enrolment growth of around 100 children, to 408 in the schoolyear 2018-19, up 25 %. St. John Vianney School is an English Medium school. The young mission is thriving and local Salvatorians are having an easy access to the people and the authorities.

The plan of the new leadership is to enhance the local English Medium School, which was lacking proper infrastructure. SOFIA assisted with the immediate need for furniture and toilets. For the growing number of



students, only limited furniture and no digital means were available in the school. In a first step, computers, a projector and good furniture was provided. The hygienic situation for the children was quite catastrophic: there were no toilets and children had to go out in the surrounding bushes for the natural needs. Meanwhile, proper toilets have been constructed, for both the children and the teachers.

Finally, to accommodate the future growth, the school has to be enlarged by a second floor (library, science lab + 4 classrooms). Fundraising is ongoing.



The old school building will be used partially as multipurpose hall after completion of the new school construction.

3 Cyclone Idai and Flooding Beira

Location: **Beira, Mozambique**

Type: **EMERGENCY HELP**

Already in the second week of March 2019, the cyclone Idai had involved Zimbabwe and Malawi, with people dying and others missing. On 15th March 2019, it hit the coasts of Mozambique, killing thousands of people. According to estimates, over 2.6 million people have been affected by its disastrous consequences. Normally cyclones are a rather rare event in Mozambique and they hardly ever reach this intensity; the Idai winds reached 315 km per hour. The aerial surveys carried out in the area showed that large portions of land and even entire cities were flooded. The Mozambican Ministry of the Environment has calculated that an area with a diameter of 200 kilometres in the centre of the country was completely flooded.

The town most badly affected was Beira, Mozambique's port, with a population of around 500,000 people. The rescuers have described it as an "island in the ocean", since water is almost completely isolated from the mainland. In fact, the sea level has been calculated to have risen by 4 meters compared to the usual level. The Red Cross and the first rescuers described the scene as catastrophic: 90% of the town was destroyed, dead bodies floated in the flooded streets, the houses, fields and power lines were submerged by the water that has come from the sea and many bridges and roads were out of use. The Beira hospital was badly hit and the roofs came off all the 17 health centres in the town.

The Community of Sant'Egidio has been in Mozambique for a long time and has strong ties of friendship. The Community manages important health centres in Beira and in Manga





Chigussura (just outside Beira), and they look after more than 11,000 people. The cyclone ripped the roof off the Beira health centre, the nutrition centre and the Manga Chigussura health centre. In addition, the molecular biology laboratory, the offices and the nutrition centre's kitchens suffered damage.

SOFIA cooperates with the Community of Sant'Egidio concerning their DREAM Program in Africa. We were successful in finding emergency help funds to confront the catastrophe in Beira. With

the emergency help, the following activities were carried out over a period of weeks: distribution of food, distribution of products for basic needs, supply of medical materials and drugs, health assistance and first medical aid, distribution of drinking water and filters to purify water, support for rebuilding. Around 50,000 vulnerable people, including people with HIV, tuberculosis, poor children and/or orphans and their families have directly benefitted from this emergency help in March and April 2019.

4 Helping Children in a Nation in Need: School Meals Distribution in Catia

Location: **Catia, Caracas, Venezuela**

Type: **EMERGENCY HELP**

It is public knowledge that Venezuela is going through a deep political, economic and social crisis, which is now lasting already over 15 years. In the past few years, this crisis has even worsened, directly affecting the economic stability of the country and directly affecting the purchasing power of Venezuelans. Most ordinary people have increasing difficulties meeting their daily basic needs. The cost of the Venezuelan basic food basket surpasses 13 times the minimum salary (November 2018). It is obvious, most family budgets are compromised and consequently people

do not eat enough, grow continuously weaker and are more likely to get sick. This situation affects even more the children.

Salvatorians working in the enormous slum of Catia (over 300.000 inhabitants) are managing several primary and secondary schools in the slum. Alarmed by the absenteeism of students, largely caused by the need to employ them to search for food, and alarmed by the fact that more and more students appeared to arrive at school without having eaten anything, they decided to set up an emergency project. The project distributes a meal per day to over 1600 children, aged 4-17 years. This is the first meal of the day and for many children it is the only meal of the day. In the two schools of El Vivero and La Constancia, the service is offered





through community organizations, thereby generating employment opportunities for people from the community who participate in these organizations. Many parents of the children offered their help in preparing the meals and distributing them.

The projects addresses the low nutrition level in schooled children and adolescents, the school desertion due to lack of daily food, the decompensation of students during the school day because of hunger, the topping up of the family economy by subsidizing the first meal of the day. While it first

dropped to 40 %, school attendance reached soon after the beginning of the project 80 %. Not only does the project contribute to the nutrition of more than 1600 children and adolescents, it also influences positively the improvement of cognitive abilities, learning processes and academic performance of the children.

In a combined call for funding between SOFIA, the SDS fundraising office in Munich (Germany) and the one in Vienna (Austria), enough funds were secured to maintain the program well into 2020 and even 2021.

5 Provide medical and psychological assistance to pregnant migrants and refugees

Location: **Rome, Italy**

Type: **HEALTH**

The project YOU'RE WELCOME is a part of the already existing Health project for Families and the Community of the Salvatorian Academic Apostolate (Apostolato Accademico Salvatoriano, AAS) – a sister organization within the Salvatorian Family, which is managed by the lay branch of the Salvatorians. This organization collaborates closely with the Pastoral and Family Centre and the Health Centre of the Diocese of Rome. The Salvatorian Academic Apostolate in turn runs two centres for the promotion of the family, with a strong emphasis on the psycho-pedagogical development of the individual and the family.

After having lived the traumatizing experience of having to leave their country of origin, the project aims at assisting female migrants in the dramatic situation of loneliness in a foreign country during their pregnancy. The project offers health and social assistance for the women and the couples during the vital biological and procreative cycle. It offers services of prevention, treatment, rehabilitation. The project centres on the value of life, primarily the life of the new child and takes into account all the actors that circle around the event of giving birth.

The medical and psychological assistance is offered free to those persons who are on the territory of the Diocese of Rome and who cannot

use the Italian National Health Service. Between 50 to 100 pregnant immigrant women and their families will benefit from the project annually.



Other Forms of Salvatorian Solidarity

In addition to SOFIA, the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers conduct several other solidarity actions, the most important one being budget support for developing Salvatorian units.

Budget support for young and developing Salvatorian units in the Southern hemisphere serves to help cover living expenses, initial formation costs and ministerial activities. This involves 800 Salvatorians, living and ministering in Albania, White Russia, China, the Comoros Islands, Czech Republic, the D. R. Congo, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, the Philippines, Peru, Russia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ukraine, Venezuela and Vietnam.

The amount (in 2017-2019 € 5,081,425) originates from four sources: Salvatorian development offices in various countries, mass intentions offerings, donations from Salvatorian units and grants from the Society's international funds.

BUDGET SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING UNITS (in €)	2017	2018	2019
Through the Salvatorian Development Offices	1,015,000	992,935	1,027,048
Through Mass Intentions	81,303	113,070	107,069
Through Salvatorian Units	130,000	50,000	50,000
Through the International Funds of the Society	495,000	505,000	515,000
Salvatorian Project Fund	300,000	300,000	300,000
Salvatorian Formation Fund	160,000	165,000	185,000
Salvatorian Mission	35,000	40,000	30,000
Total	1,721,305	1,661,005	1,699,117



Salvatorian Student Boniface from Tanzania meets Salvatorian Sister Paola, former missionary to Tanzania, in Rome.



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