



VINCENTIAN FAMILY WORKING TOGETHER



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At foot of the Society's worldwide strategic plan, initiated by our President General, Dr. Michael Thio following his election in 2010, one of the objectives is to develop collaboration between the SSVP and other members of the Vincentian family. It is reassuring to find that already there is considerable co-operation within the family, as indicated by the brief summary below, which is shown by continent in alphabetical order.

We encourage other countries to become more involved with our Vincentian Brothers and Sisters and, if there is collaborative activity which is not mentioned below, we would be very glad to be informed of it.

We also ask the countries below to keep us updated on further collaboration which may occur.

AFRICA

ETHIOPIA : SSVP working with Daughters of Charity and the Congregation of the Missions and have identified joint projects for action:-

Emergency need in Alitena, Northern Ethiopia to relieve the effects of drought.

A school for poor children in Addis Ababa run by D.C.

Leprosy people in Ambo, 115 kilometres from Addis Ababa.

Helping people displaced from Harar in East Ethiopia to Westwelega Region.

SSSVP's CIAD (Commission for International Aid and Development) have sanctioned grants totalling €150,000, to be distributed through Daughters of Charity and through the Irish Charity, Trocaire.



NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST

LEBANON : SSVP working with Lazarist Fathers, Daughters of Charity and other organisations to respond to emergencies and to avoid duplication.

AMERICA

USA/CANADA. Vincentian Family held a group meeting in October 2011 and considered 4 future joint actions:

- 1 – Engage in advocacy and actions to address the root causes of poverty.
- 2—Meet at least once a year to promote collaborative efforts.
- 3 – Prepare a proposal for the formation and operation of a new collaborative group.
- 4 – Document the origin, history and accomplishments of the group.

In addition, the meeting made a commitment to the ongoing education of members, including an analysis of current ministries.

HAITI :- Vincentian Family hold monthly meetings & jointly celebrate feastdays. Have a joint project for small & medium enterprises to generate employment under a management committee led by the CM., through whom SSVP's CIAD have already donated €50,000 and have a further €50,000 available.

ASIA

INDIA : Families meet in February each year and submit reports on their activities. Also, work together locally in major projects and at times of disaster.

PHILIPPINES : Vincentian family have regular meetings and work together in Housing projects.

THAILAND: Working together for the past two years in hospital visitation, education/training for children and helping the poor financially.

EUROPE

ENGLAND & WALES : VIP (Vincentians in Partnership) are active, led by the Daughters of Charity. All family members contribute financially. Central Councils are encouraged to contact the groups nearest to them.

SCOTLAND

Partners in VIP. Have a goal in a 5 year strategic plan to develop partnerships with other organisations.

IRELAND

Good working relationship with Vincentian Family members – common spiritual advisors, joint pilgrimages, collaboration in management projects including the management of SSVP Hostels by De Paul International.

Since 1966, SSVP have collaborated with Vincentian Fathers and Daughters in “Vincentian Partnership for Social Justice” which is very active in promoting a Vincentian response to social justice issues. Activities include some well-respected



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research on income adequacy for social welfare recipients, a voter education programme, awareness-raising events and publications on justice issues.

BELGIUM :Vincentian Family have a working group, chaired by a Vincentian Father, meeting every two months.

ITALY : 33 of the 81 SSVP Councils have relationship with other Vincentians.

SPAIN: Good co-operation within the Vincentian family, with the Daughters of Charity working alongside the SSVP.

SLOVENIA: SSVP works regularly with the Daughters of Charity.

MACEDONIA : SSVP works regularly with Daughters of Charity and Lazarist Fathers.
