

SSVP AAA NAIROBI 2022

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO CIAD (CGI)

Greetings my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

I'll like to thank the organizers of this Assembly for giving me this opportunity to speak to you and I promise I won't keep you for more than a few minutes.

If you asked the vast majority of people in society what they know about CIAD, they would probably know the initials stand for COMMISSION FOR INTERNATIONAL AID & DEVELOPMENT but very few will know what they do. I would not blame those who do not know about CIAD since it was recently established in the CGI. What they probably wouldn't realize is that CIAD is a commission in CGI carrying out the core mission of the society at the international level.

Origin: CIAD was initiated to expand the work of Twinning. Not all countries were participating in Twinning and there needed to be another way of helping countries that suffered disasters or could not afford to carry out their work due to lack of funds.

The idea was to create a fund made up of contributions from the more affluent countries and encourage the countries that suffer disasters or were unable to fund properly structured

projects, to apply for funding. Any application has to be supported by the National Council of the recipient country and the International Territorial Vice President or sometimes the Zonal Project Coordinator has to approve the application. It is also advisable to involve the international Twinning Coordinator (ITC) and the Twinn country. Part of this approval is to ensure any contribution will be made into a legitimate bank account, usually the National Council's account.

Submitted projects are then referred to the members of CIAD who decide whether to fund the project or support the emergency provision of funds.

Structure: CIAD is a truly international group with members from Australia, Brazil, England & Wales, Germany, Ireland, Nigeria, Singapore, USA, Venezuela. In addition, we include Vice President International Joseph Pandian, CGI Treasurer Larry Tuomey, FIS Chair Carmela Addente & International vice president for Solidarity & Special Projects, Ralph Middlecamp.

The committee is supported by Bruno Fabre who acts as project coordinator for the committee in Paris.

Membership is considered on merit, experience, and track record etc. I will like to give myself as an example because I do not know too much about the other people but I do know that they are either more qualified or equally merit their membership. I have held many positions both at Local and International levels. In my country Nigeria, I have held a position of Secretary Lagos central Council, President Lagos

Central Council which is now Lagos Metropolitan Council. I was also National President and National Training & Development officer. I am currently the Chairman of the Council of National Patron of the Society in Nigeria.

At the international level, I was the Coordinator for most of the Anglophone African countries, ITVP, senior ITVP, and Member of many other Adhoc Committees. I was also a member of the international executive council, a member of the Permanent Section of the Society, and a member of the International Board. Yet, I am not the most qualified member of the commission.

Terms of Reference:

1) Providing help in the event of a natural or human-generated disaster (earthquake, typhoon, war, etc.), in two ways

- Offering emergency help**
- Help for reconstruction projects**

2) Supporting sustainable development projects in deprived regions (micro-credit, systemic change, long-term projects, training, education, etc.)

3) Supporting the expansion of the Society in new countries and helping it build in countries where the Society is still fragile or weakened. (Known as SSVP Plus).

Decision-making process for disasters:

Most short-term decisions involve making an “Emergency” donation of between €3k and €5k following a disaster, be it natural or man-made. Members of CIAD are asked to be emailed to respond to requests (normally supported by ITVP) within 48 hours and their decision or advice is used to agree (or not) to the appeal. Most applications are agreed. There is a minimum of administration allowing rapid decision-making. Further contributions may be offered providing CIAD is satisfied with how the money has been used and the plans and arrangements for any future project. Initial fears that this would slow down the process have proved unfounded, and it has so far worked well.

Processing Application

- 1. Application for aid will be vetted by the national president and when satisfied, he will pass it on to the zonal coordinator.**
- 2. SP coordinator gives his detailed views on the technical aspects of the project (viability, management, budget, etc.) He may work directly with the national President on the viability, management, and budget.**
- 3. Once a satisfactory decision is made, ITVP gives his approval and recommendations to CIAD for final review by the commission.**
- 3. The CIAD decides and informs all the stakeholders. The commission can require information from stakeholders. The**

commission can require more information and clarification from all stakeholders

Membership

CIAD has a few members but the membership covers all the continents of the world.

The members are men and women of diverse disciplines with wide knowledge and experience of society.

The present membership includes;

Adrian Abel Chairman

Joseph Pandian Member

Pius Ehiagwina Member

John Lee Member

Laury Tuomey Member

Eduado Tsukamito Member

Girolamo Verga Member

Middlecamp Ralph Member

Ularika Mattlefield Member

Kelvin McMahan Member

Rose McGowan Member

Bruno Fabre Resident Coordinator

Funding:

One may then ask, where does the fund come from to do all these things? The answer is God helps the poor but God does not bring bags of money for CIAD to use for these laudable and necessary humanitarian aids called CHARITY,

The majority of the donations made to CIAD come from the generous donations/support from member countries of the confederation of SSVP, while there are also organizations and foundations which kindly participate and collaborate in this mission.

YOU OR YOUR ORGANISATIONS COULD ALSO HELP!

Brothers and sister in Christ remember what Christ said many years ago which is still true today:

“The poor will always be with us”.

“But must do our best to alleviate their suffering”

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

**PIUS EHIAGWINA
(Member of CIAD)**