



How has the pandemic affected special Vincentian works?

What lessons have we learned?

Examples of Special Works

- Thrift Stores
- Meal Programs
- Food Distribution
- Housing Operations
- Medical Programs
- Production Operations
- Job Training Programs
- Pharmacies
- Micro Loan Programs
- Disaster Relief

Sources of Support

- Program generated income
- Donated materials
- Government Grants
- Foundation Grants
- Parish/church support
- Private donations
- Twinning
- Volunteer workers

What happened during the Pandemic

- Government mandated closure
- Churches closed
- Operated within limitations
- Volunteers unavailable
- Aging members cautious
- Travel not allowed
- Many must work from home
- Decreased funding
- Increased need / situational poverty
- New needs emerged
- Material shortages
- Personal contact limited
- Some new help volunteered
- Some donors increased funding to trusted organizations

Lessons for the Future

- Most well organized operations survived
- Important to be known and trusted in the community
- Diversify funding if possible
- Communicate often to funders
- Do not put our light under a bushel
- Collaborate with community partners
- Make needs known
- We can use technology to train and communicate
- Spiritual foundation important

Love is inventive to infinity – Saint Vincent de Paul