CIAD ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The CIAD (Commission for International Aid and Development) is a commission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Council General International that examines funding requests for the Society's projects throughout the world. Its action focuses on emergency aid, rehabilitation after disasters, development projects, and the expansion and strengthening the Society.

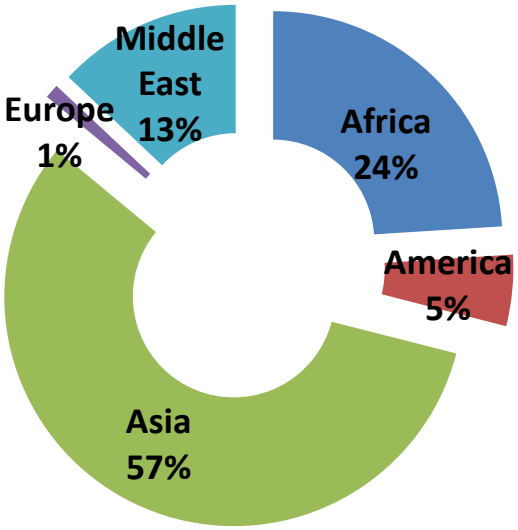
The CIAD consists of 8 of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's volunteers, from every continent, supported by a staff member.

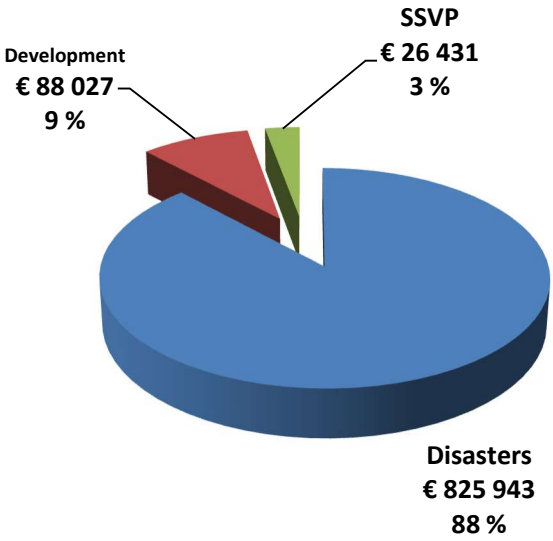
Its action is funded by donations from National/Superior Councils, mainly in response to appeals after major catastrophes and, more rarely, by outside donors. The CIAD does not raise funds directly from the general public since this funding source is reserved for National/Superior Councils.

It provides emergency help in situations of humanitarian crisis and funds recovery programmes (after a natural disaster for instance), as well as development work. It is also responsible for monitoring the use of funds allocated to these projects around the world.

A Few Figures – 2018 balance

€ 940,401 – 51 interventions – 31 countries





Some of our projects…

1. Disasters (natural or manmade)

a. Emergency (€ 44,862 – 5 %)

CIAD emergency actions are small interventions aimed at bringing support to victims in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, taking advantage of the local presence of Vincentians, who usually provide emergency assistance such as food, medicines, water or clothing, blankets or tents. They are limited to € 3-5,000, as emergency is not Conference's speciality.

In 2018, this was done 14 times :

- Floods in Bolivia, Ivory Coast, India, Laos and France.
- Earthquake in Indonesia
- Volcano eruption in Guatemala
- Cyclones in Madagascar, Philippines and USA
- Victims of terrorism in Burkina Faso, Central African Republic and Burundi

b. Rehabilitation (€ 781,081 – 83%)

Long term rehabilitation projects are the way for SSVP to 'bring people back to a normal life' through education, professional training, reconstruction, etc.

Philippines – 'Rebuilding Lifes – Programme (year 5) - € 131,800 in 2018

This M€ 1.3 5-8 year programme started in 2014 to alleviate the suffering of victims of super-typhoon Haiyan, covering several fields such as

Education (school fees, material, food and accommodation for **800 pupils** in High School, College and Vocational)

Reconstruction of 200 houses

Health (2 medical missions and campaigns in 2018)

Livelihood (launch of a Cooperative to create small businesses and micro-credit to 500 people)

Nepal: Earthquake reconstruction (€ 391,304 in 2018)

After the tremendous earthquake that took place in 2015, SSVP started an ambitious reconstruction programme in 2016 together with Caritas. The **300 houses** planned were finished in 2018

Lebanon – Refugee Assistance – (€ 98,768)

Lebanon, a 4M inhabitant's country, is hosting 1.5 M refugees from Syria, and Iraq living in great poverty.
SSVP Lebanon, with the support of CIAD, is offering bi-weekly meals to elderly refugees, and offering full scholarship to refugee children.

Madagascar – Assistance to Cyclone Victims – (€ 51,000)

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world and is hit every year by cyclones.
With CIAD support, the Vincentians have been able to bring **material assistance** to thousands of people and **rebuild 25 houses**.

C**entral African Republic – Assistance to war/terror victims - € 38,950**

The poorest country in the world is suffering an extremely violent turmoil. SSVP brings assistance to thousands of displaced people, fleeing violence or getting back home.

With CIAD, 4 missions have been organized to distribute food, hygiene and household items and clothing

Other projects…

Medical mission in IDPs camp in **South Sudan - € 8,500**

Homes repairs in **Rwanda** after torrential rains - **€ 19,033**

Basic food assistance to Venezuelan economic crisis in both **Venezuela** and **Brazil : € 26,795**

Food and crop for floods/dry-spell victims in **Malawi - € 11,976**

Shoes and books for hurricane affected children in **Dominica - € 5,888**

2. Development

Ethiopia – In prison professional training -€ 4,300

With the extra benefit of re-establishing SSVP in Ethiopia, a Conference working in a Prison in Ambo has purchased a welding machine and a woodwork machine to allow prisoners to receive training, work and make some benefits to earn their living.

Mozambique – Poultry farm / professional training- € 10,000

This farm will allow poor people to receive professional training and start working for their own benefit.

Benin – Equipment for SSVP Medical Centre - € 14,265

With the help of SSVP France and the support of local Church, SSVP Benin has created a medical centre in a lakeside area with no medical facility. CIAD has funded the purchase of medical material. This will give a 200,000 people area an access to healthcare, which is an exceptional success.

South Sudan – Be in Hope Orphanage - € 15,000

Whereas it is not its vocation, CIAD is helping cover the **running costs** of an orphanage which provides all needs (accommodation, meals, access to education) to **20 street children.**

Lebanon – Catering project - € 17,377

CIAD has supported the creation by a Conference of a cooking/catering workshop which participates **in local development** through the purchase of local agricultural production, **job creation and income generating** activity for both workers and the Conference.

Support to basic Conference activities in Russia - € 7,850
Christmas presents for refugees in Lebanon - € 4,235
Set up of a farm in South Sudan - € 15,000

3. SSVP

a. SSVP Plus

'SSVP Plus' is CGI's programme to set up or re-establish SSVP in countries where it is not. After Liberia and Albania in 2017, we have reached this results in Cayman Islands and Cape Verde in 2018

b. Ssvp strengthening

To help develop or strengthen SSVP in countries where it is weak, CIAD has supported the funding of elections in DR Congo, Conference visits in Uruguay, and training for members in Nepal.

If you wish to support CIAD through the Fund for international Solidarity (FIS)… get in touch with your National Council or with CGI!