Society of St Vincent de Paul **Council General International**

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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.

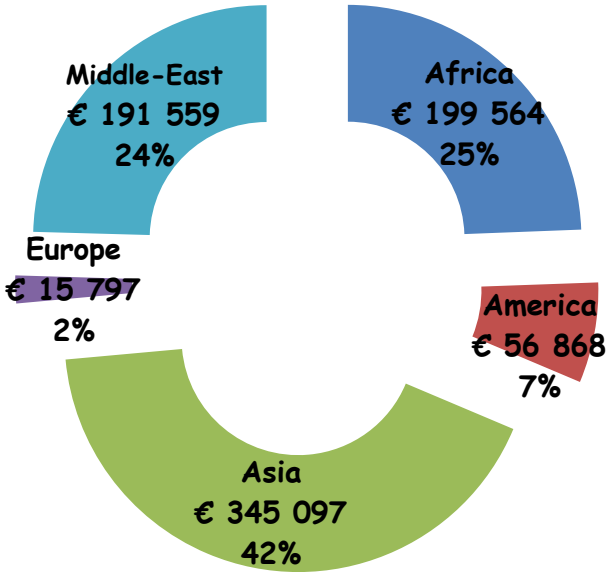
A Few Figures...

CIAD support in 2019:

€ 808,885

60 interventions

41 countries



PART 1: DETAILED OVERVIEW OF 2019 GRANTS

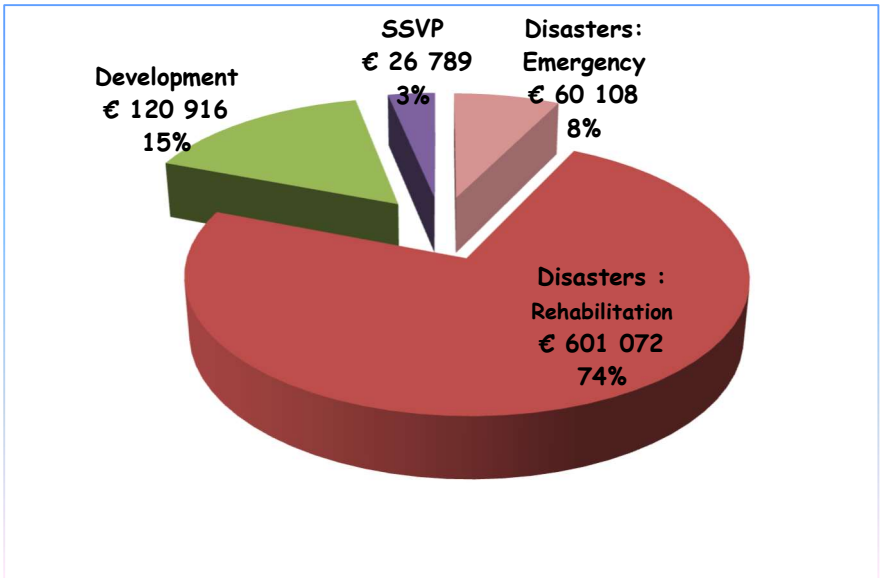
1. Disasters (natural or manmade) : € 661,180

a. Emergency (€ 60,108 -8%)

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 2019, this process was used on several occasions:

- Floods in Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Canada, Nepal
- Drought in Angola and Namibia
- Hunger in Madagascar
- Earthquake in Albania
- Cyclone Dorian in the Bahamas
- Political situation, war, terrorism or refugee assistance in Mozambique, Iraq, Burkina Faso, Lebanon.



b. Rehabilitation (€ 601,072 – 74%)

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

Lebanon – Refugee Assistance – (€ 116,540)
Beneficiaries: 90 elderly refugees and 20 children

SSVP in Lebanon :
43 Conferences and 755 members –
www.stvincent-lb.org

Lebanon, a 4M inhabitant's country, is hosting 1.5 M refugees, mainly from Syria and Iraq living in great poverty.
SSVP Lebanon, with the support of CIAD, is offering bi-weekly meals to 90 elderly people and offering full scholarship to 20 children, all refugee from Syria and Iraq.

Syria – Generator for elderly home - € 14,855

SSVP in Aleppo – 10 Conferences – 75 members

As the situation is slowly improving after many years of war, in the middle of the reconstruction phase in Aleppo, SSVP has started the renovation of their home for the elderly with 35 residents and 10 employees. With the rationing of electric power, it was essential to have a generator in order to be able to bring residents back to a decent place, after almost 5 years of forced exile.

Philippines – 'Rebuilding Lives – Programme (year 6) - € 46,480 in 2019

SSVP in the Philippines : 546 Conferences and 7,280 members – www.ssvp.ph

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, accommodation for **800 pupils** material, food and Vocational) in High School, College and

Reconstruction of 200 houses

Health (medical missions and campaigns)

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

India: Kerala Floods and Gaja Cyclone - € 278,660

SSVP in India : 7,300 Conferences and 67,000 members – www.ssvpindia.in

In late 2018, India was hit by very severe natural disasters, in particular Gaja Cyclone, and floods in Kerala. With CIAD's support, SSVP could bring:

Education support to 360 students

Self-help and r**elief** projects to 500 families

Repairs and **reconstruction** of 112 houses

Madagascar – Assistance to Cyclone Victims – (€ 25,186)

SSVP in Madagascar : 160 Conferences – 3,000 members

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world and is hit every year by cyclones.

With CIAD support, the Vincentians have completed the reconstruction programme started in 2018 and managed to **rebuild 12 houses**.

Malawi – Assistance to flood Victims – (€ 25,086)

SSVP in Malawi : 121 Conferences – 2,800 members

Malawi is affected every year by a succession of floods and dry-spells. This year, CIAD's support allowed to provide around 300 families with food to cover extreme emergency, but also with crop, to try to favour food security for beneficiaries, and avoid mere assistance whenever possible.

Mozambique – Flood and Cyclones Relief – (€ 25,000)

SSVP in Mozambique : 34 Conferences

In a space of 2 months (February and March) Mozambique has suffered successive minor and large scale natural disasters that jointly left thousands of people dead while millions more in the marsh of vulnerability and extreme poverty.

With CIAD support, SSVP provided 500 families with meals, food and farming support, such as seeds and training while about 400 families benefitted from complementary forms of support in Construction Material. A total of 600 families also benefitted from mosquito net and chlorine to purify the water.

Venezuela : Economic Crisis - € 8,847

SSVP in Venezuela : 16 Conferences – 410 members- https://www.facebook.com/SSVPvenezuela/

The Society in Venezuela is trying hard to keep on bringing assistance to the poor in the awful political and economic crisis the country is going through. It is even difficult to send funds to the country; however, CIAD managed to give this small support in order to distribute food baskets and support SSVP canteens.

Sri Lanka – Education project for war victims - € 9,859

SSVP in Sri Lanka : 335 Conferences – 3,500 members

In several districts of Sri Lanka, many families still live in a very vulnerable condition after 30 years of war, although finished 10 years ago. The Society has selected 705 students to support them with school material and/or clothing, food, bicycles, special courses, night school and equipment such as tables, chairs and computers.

And also…

Repairs to SSVP elderly home in Argentina,
Food and relief assistance to terror displaced people in Burkina Faso
Food assistance to drought victims in Zambia
Blankets for winter in Nepal

2. Development (€ 120,916 – 15%)

Cameroon – Farm -€ 2,300(€ 20,000)

SSVP in Cameroon: 192 Conferences

A Conference in Cameroon has set up a farm, and has requested CIAD's support on some kick-start and development costs. A first phase of € 2,300 was granted to cover legalization costs so that the Conference legally owns the land donated for the project. This will turn into a profit making and employment creating project.

Burkina Faso – Pig rearing training - € 8,020

SSVP in Burkina Faso : 31 Conferences – 800 members

The project consists in creating small farms, on the beneficiaries' premises, in which 5 to 10 young people from the Parish are to be trained each year, for one month, in the management of pig breeding and supported to set up to improve their breeding in their environment. This includes material set-up of the farms, provision of piglets, start-up maintenance and feeding and professional training for beneficiaries to reach self-sufficiency and food security.

South Sudan

SSVP in South Sudan: 29 Conferences

Be in Hope Orphanage - € 15,000

Whereas it is not its vocation, CIAD is helping cover part of the **running costs** of an orphanage which provides all needs (accommodation, meals, access to education) to **20 street children.** This is continued support from 2018

Pilot Farm - € 15,000

With CIAD and other partners support, SSVP in South Sudan is developing a farm in order to grow high yielding organic crops to generate income to sustain SVDP projects, improve food security and feed the poor through subsidized pricing.

Brazil – Mobile Bathroom - € 8,000

SSVP in Brazil 15,500 Conferences – 150,000 members

On the occasion of their weekly contact with homeless people, bringing them food, toiletries, clothes and blankets during the night, also providing fraternal listening to these assisted people, the Vincentians of Juiz de Fora, state of Minas Gerais, and from that began to gather the main demands of this homeless population, seeking to rescue relevant aspects for the establishment of human life in dignified conditions. Among these demands, the need for a place for a shower stood out markedly in the lines of men and women assisted.

CIAD thus supported the purchase and adaptation of a trailer, which will be able to move around the city to attend to the homeless, offering bathrooms for men and women.

Jerusalem - Kindergarten and Professional training support- € 34,000

The sole SSVP Conference in Jerusalem is striving to slow down 'brain drain' and especially of Catholics from this cradle of Christianism. SSVP is paying fees to send children to kindergarten, with the double advantage of favouring their education and socialization and of allowing their parents to get a job. In addition, SSVP is funding professional training of local youth, so that they can find a job on the spot, and do not have to flee from the city.

And also…

Myanmar – Systemic change training sessions for members
Italy – Support to a CM Fathers activity in favour pf poor families
Senegal – Accommodation for students of a SSVP Professional training Centre

3. SSVP Expansion (€ 26,789 – 3%)

a. "SSVP Plus" (€ 10,733)

'SSVP Plus' is CGI's programme to set up or re-establish SSVP in countries where it is not. Missions took place in this framework in Niger, Liberia, Tanzania, and the Cayman islands.

b. Ssvp strengthening (€ 16,056)

To help develop or strengthen SSVP in countries where it is weak, CIAD has supported the funding of several kinds of activities such as training, support to running costs of National Councils, material equipment or funding of assemblies. This took place in Central African republic, Madagascar, DR Congo, Venezuela, Panama, Honduras and Nepal.

PART 2 :SOME PAST PROJECTS

Nepal: Earthquake reconstruction (€ 780,000 in 3 years)

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

In addition, SSVP Conferences set up some small projects such as piggeries and other animal rearing self-help projects, education support, medical assistance or food provision.

Central 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 in 2017 and 4 in 2018 to distribute food, hygiene and household items and clothing.

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.

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 now gives a 200,000 people area an access to healthcare, which is an exceptional success.

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.

Botswana – Information centre for SSVP Centre for Children - € 13,800

Christ the King Cathedral Conference runs a home called the 'SSVP Centre' for orphaned children as well as disadvantaged old people who have no relatives to look after them.

CIAD supported the construction of a library, study area and computer lab for the children hosted in this Centre. SSVP also grants access to other disadvantaged children in the neighborhood.

Through CIAD, CGI is constantly trying to support the Vincentians' efforts to help our friends in need all over the world! Needs are huge, permanent, changing, and not limited to big well publicised disasters! Our Commission for International Aid and Development needs continued support to keep on with its vital work!

Conferences or Councils who wish to support CIAD can do so through the Fund for international Solidarity (FIS)…
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