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COUNCIL GENERAL INTERNATIONAL

CIAD's 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD) belongs to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul's Council General International. This Commission examines the funding requests regarding projects undertaken worldwide by the Society, focusing on emergency relief in response to humanitarian crisis, disaster recovery, development programmes and projects aimed at expanding and strengthening the SSVP. It is also responsible for monitoring the allocation of project-related funds around the world.

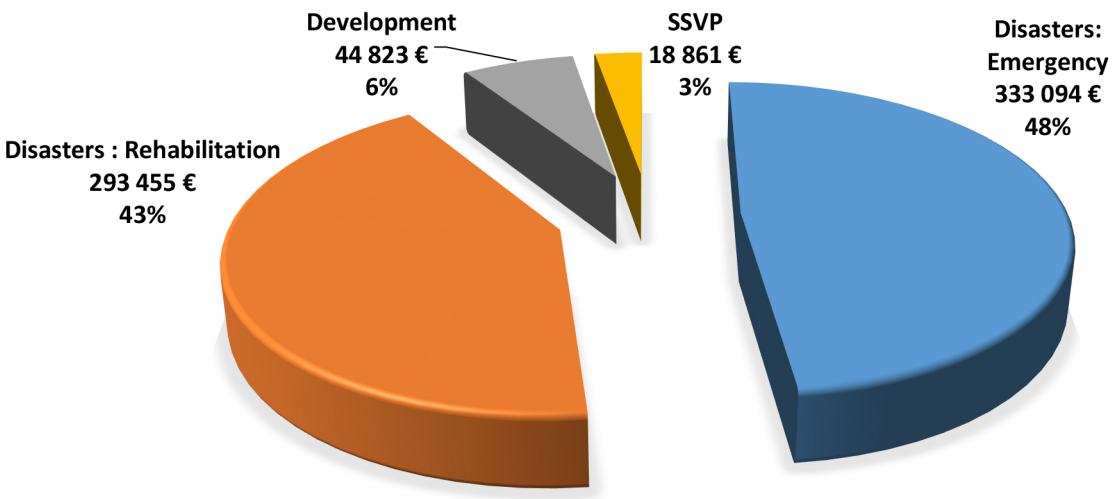
The CIAD is made up of eight SSVP volunteers from every continent, supported by one staff member. Its action is funded by donations from National/Superior Councils —and rarely by outside donors—, mainly in response to appeals in the aftermath of major catastrophes. The CIAD does not raise funds directly from the general public since this funding source is reserved for National/Superior Councils.

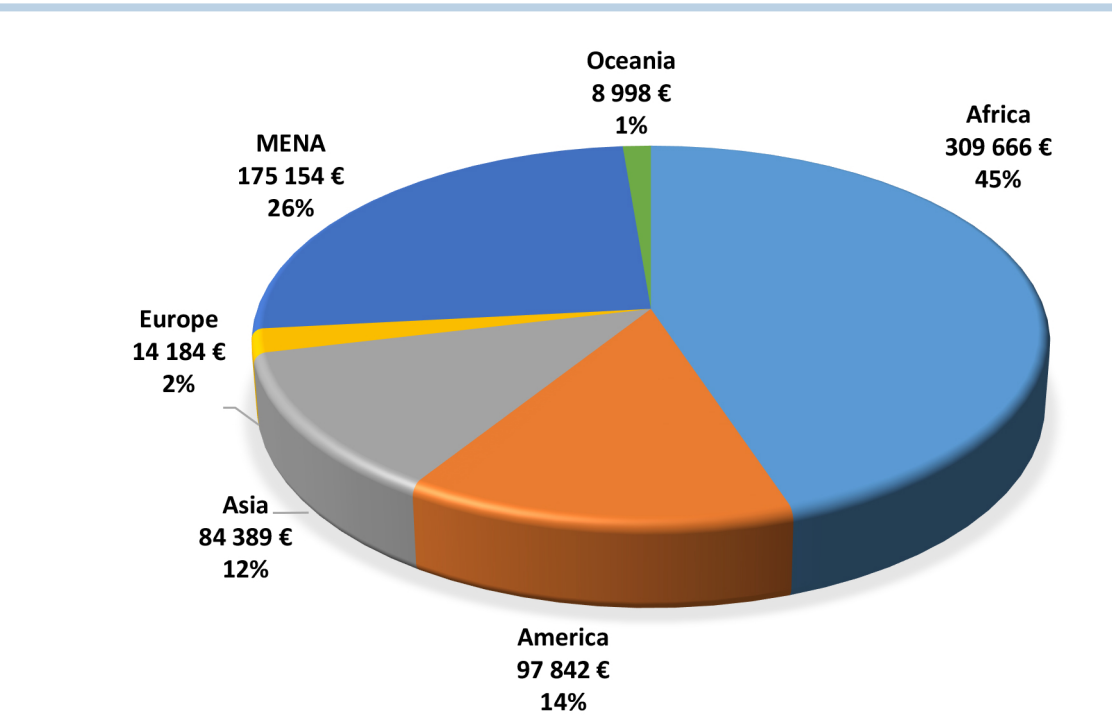
In Figures

CIAD's Support in 2020:

€690,233

65 countries





Detailed overview of 2020 Grants

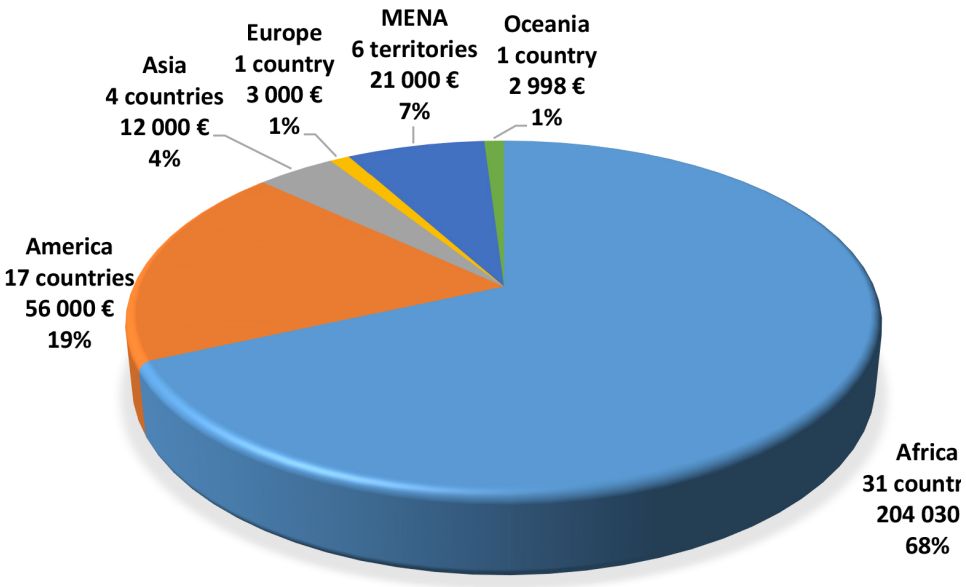
Covid-19 Relief (€299, 028 – 43.3)

The Covid-19 pandemic has harshly hit the whole world in 2020, thus reducing the Society's capacity to assist our friends in need, physically and financially, and increasing their need for love and assistance, due to restrictions and lockdown measures.

Despite all this, Vincentians around the world responded to President General's appeal for donations to fight the virus. Due to the number of needs and of countries involved, the CIAD had to limit its support to small emergency donations, but was able to reach 60 countries.

A large majority of countries focused their action on emergency relief, directly fighting the virus and its transmissibility (distribution of hygiene kits, face masks, sanitizers, gloves and awareness campaigns).

Other countries, with a speed of propagations being much lower, have been severely affected economically due to lockdown measures and restrictions, have focussed on the distribution of food parcels; while other countries concentrated their efforts on education, scholarships for vulnerable families (Burkina Faso) or purchase of school supplies for online classes (Dominica).



IN 2020, COVID EMERGENCY FUNDS AMOUNTED TO € 299,028 (60 COUNTRIES)

Disaster Assistance (€ 327 051 – 47%)

Emergency Relief

CIAD provides immediate assistance to the victims of conflicts or disaster situations, taking advantage of local Vincentians, who deliver this service and help to address basic needs (food, medicine, water, clothing, blankets or tents). This is limited to € 3,000-5,000, since it is not the core activity of Conferences.

In 2020, Vincentians' capacity to respond was seriously reduced by the Covid-19 pandemic. However, they strived to alleviate the effects of floods, cyclones, tropical storms and several natural disasters in Africa (Madagascar, Sudan, South Sudan), America (Honduras) and the Caribbean (Cayman Islands), as well as in Oceania (Vanuatu and Fiji). Moreover, an emergency grant was sent to Lebanon after a the massive blast in the port of Beirut.

Rehabilitation

Long-term recovery and development programmes are the way for the SSVP to bring people back to normal (education, professional training, reconstruction, etc). Some programmes are shown below:

BURKINA FASO

Basic assistance to victims of terror attacks (**€ 5,000**)

- Beneficiaries: **1,000** displaced families
- Conferences: **31**
- Members: **800**

Continued from 2019, this programme provided assistance (food, sleeping bags and mosquito nets) to internally displaced people, who fled from the Northern part of the country where terrorist groups were operating.

CHAD

Food assistance to AIDS patients (**€ 5,000**)

- Beneficiaries: **85** patients at Mondou Hospital
- Conferences: **5**
- Members: **105**

This programme has provided food (rice, cowpeas, sugar and oil) and hygiene kits to 85 particularly vulnerable AIDS patients facing extreme poverty, seriously exacerbated by the pandemic.

MALAWI

Food assistance to flood victims (€ 25,555)

- Beneficiaries: **200** households
- Conferences: **206**
- Members: **3,200**
- Twinning support: Ireland

The Society has helped 2,000 households with basic supplies kits (food, soap and blankets) in Malawi, which is regularly tackling with floods and natural disasters (cyclone Idai).

MOZAMBIQUE

Assistance to victims of floods and terror attacks (**€ 30,000**)

- Beneficiaries: **1,000** families
- Conferences: **33**
- Members: **1,560**

The CIAD kept on this project aimed at assisting 800 families with food and seeds after cyclones Idai and Kenneth. They also benefited from farming support for mass food production and food security.

The CIAD also joined an initiative undertaken by SSVP Mozambique to support 200 war refugee families in Pemba and Nampula with food and basic household items.

COLOMBIA

Repairs to rain-damaged elderly home (**€ 9,795**)

- Beneficiaries: **45**
- Conferences: **245**
- Members: **2,205**

The SSVP Bogotá (Colombia) runs a residential home for homeless elderly people. There are currently 45 residents over 65 who receive shelter, support and health services as well as Vincentian companionship and friendship. The future of the home is at risk, since the structure has been deteriorated, thus not complying with the building regulations of the local authority.

A major housing-reconstruction programme is required (roof repairs, window replacement, plumbing or electrical work…). The CIAD has supported the first phase, but more funds are required to keep on with the programme.
https://www.ssvpglobal.org/appeal-for-february-survival-of-homeless-shelter-for-elderly-in-bogota-columbia/

INDONESIA

Home repairs due to cyclone damage (**€ 44,000**)

- Beneficiaries: **8** homeless families
- Conferences: **391**
- Members: **4,000**

In 2018, a deadly magnitude earthquake and several other natural disasters struck Indonesia. Despite the fact that Indonesian Vicentian have continuously supported the victims since then to the country, it was as of 2020 that the SSVP Indonesia have been able to kick off a reconstruction programme, providing new homes to eight families. The first phase was successfully conducted this year.

PERÚ

Home for Venezuelan migrants (**€ 22,400**)

- Beneficiaries: **40** migrants a day
- Conferences: **33**
- Members: **372**

Due to Venezuela's economic and political turmoil, Peru is receiving a massive flux of migration (over 800,000 migrants), who live in extreme poverty. In collaboration with the Vincentian Fathers and Daughters of Charity, the SSVP Peru has opened a daycare centre providing basic assistance to 40 people a day (breakfast and food parcels, shower and laundry services, health care, social and psychological support, and legal assistance). **https://www.ssvpglobal.org/novembers-appeal-here-is-my-brother-project-lima-peru/**

MADAGASCAR

Natural disaster mitigation and relief – Phase 1 (**€10,000**)

- Beneficiaries: Flood victims
- Conferences: **160**
- Members: **3,015**

In January 2020, Madagascar was seriously hit by floods. SSVP Madagascar introduced a request of funding for emergency relief the victims (food, essentially, and home repairs/ reconstruction), amounting to € 80,000. Due to lack of funding, the CIAD's support was limited to € 10,000.

PHILIPPINES

Home repairs due to cyclone damage (**€18,000**)

- Beneficiaries: **205** families
- Conferences: **551**
- Members: **7,544**

Every year, the Philippines are hit by several typhoons. In 2020, typhoon Goni, locally known as Rolly, left extensive destruction and damage. As is customary, the SSVP Philippines, beyond emergency relief, provided medium- and long-term support to the victims. This time, they provided material and technical assistance for home repair/reconstruction (205 houses).

(House rebuilt in a previous project)

LEBANON

(**€123,705**)

- Conferences: **49**
- Members: **880**

https://www.ssvpglobal.org/appeal-of-month/

The plight Lebanon is going through is unfortunately well known : extreme poverty exacerbated by over a million refugees from Iraq and Syria, the political turmoil, the massive blast in the port of Beirut, and the Covid-19 health crisis. Through thick and thin, the SSVP keeps on assisting the poor; and the CIAD, thanks to worldwide generosity, has been able to support several activities:

- By-weekly meals to 90 elderly refugees
- Delivery of hot meals during lockdown
- Distribution of medicines to Conferences and SSVP medical centres
- Distribution of electrical devices to blast victims

Development

CAMEROON

Farm - **€12,850** (**€20,000**)

- Conferences: **42**
- Members: **146**

The CIAD first supported this project in 2019. This farming project is aimed at developing an organic market garden to promote sustainability practices. The farm is used to teach the local community about organic farming, and it generates income to support the work carried out by the Conference (Foumban) to help local families and young people. Production is also used for food distribution to needy people supported by the Conference: 60 families, 300 prisoners, 100 young people. Moreover, the farm offers job opportunities for 5 permanent workers and over 100 local students (farm work during school holidays). Thus, they can earn money to pay for school fees, clothing and supplies.

NEPAL

Small projects – (**€5,340**)

- Beneficiaries: **180** children and students, disabled children and families
- Conferences: **12**
- Members: **45**

The CIAD responded to several small requests, which consisted of supporting the poor, especially school-goers in the villages of Nepal:

Scholarships, uniforms and school supplies;

Skill-training courses for school dropouts;
Home repairs;
Repairs in disabled children's home.

ITALY

Support to CM Fathers' activity for poor families.

PALESTINE

Daycare centre **(€7,016**) and school support (**€8,300**)

For obvious reasons, only a few Conferences are active in Palestine, that strive to assist friends in need. In order to better serve those in need, the SSVP built a social centre in a village, aimed at hosting and offering care services to elderly people; at giving training sessions to young people, and at reducing the exodus of Christian families in the long term. The CIAD has provided funding for furniture. Two other Conferences provided school supplies to children.

Expansion (€18,861 -3%)

SSVP Plus (€11,230)

The SSVP Plus is the CGI's programme aimed at setting up or re-establishing the SSVP in countries where it is not present. Missions thereof took place in Tanzania and Liberia.

The Covid-19 health crisis, and, in particular, lockdowns and travel restrictions had a tremendous impact on missions and plans, thus reducing to a minimum the activity of CGI teams. It is hoped that 2021 will allow to get back on track!

SSVP Strengthening (€7,631)

This project is focused on developing or strengthening the SSVP in countries with weak presence. The CIAD has supported the funding of several activities such as training, support to running costs of National Councils, material equipment or funding of assemblies. This took place in Madagascar, DR Congo, Cameroon and St Lucia.

Previous Projects

NEPAL

Earthquake reconstruction (**€780,000** in three years)

In the aftermath of a tremendous earthquake in 2015, the SSVP launched an ambitious reconstruction programme in 2016, with the collaboration of Caritas. The **300 houses** planned were finished in 2018.

In addition, SSVP Conferences undertook some small projects: pig farming and other animal husbandry, educational support, medical assistance or food provision.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Assistance to war/terror victims (**€38,950**)

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

With the CIAD's support, 4 missions have been organised in 2017 and 4 in 2018 to distribute food, hygiene kits and household items and clothing.

ETHIOPIA

Vocational training for prisoners (**€4,300**)

With the extra benefit of re-establishing the SSVP in Ethiopia, a Conference working in a prison in Ambo purchased a welding machine and a woodwork machine to allow prisoners to receive vocational training, so that they can earn their living.

BENIN

Equipment for SSVP Medical Centre **(€14,265**)

With the SSVP France's help and the support of local Church, the SSVP Benin has built a medical centre in a lakeside area with no medical facility. The CIAD funded the purchase of medical equipment. Thus, 200,000 people have access to healthcare services, which is an exceptional success.

SRI LANKA

Water distribution (**€12,000**)

The Project, funded by the CIAD, significantly helped people in Viditalativu to have access to safe drinking water, which was until then unaffordable privately-owned water.

The project is fully operational now with a tractor and a water bowser doing three rounds of water distribution a day to 500 families. The water is affordable for families. It is given free to bedridden elderly and funeral houses.

BURKINA FASO

Pig-rearing training (**€8,020**)

The project consists of setting up small farms, on the beneficiaries' premises. Each year, five to ten young people from the parish are trained for one month on management practices for pig-rearing and enhancing productivity. This includes farming materials, piglets, maintenance and feeding and professional training for beneficiaries to achieve self-sufficiency and food security.

SOUTH SUDAN

'Be in Hope' Orphanage (**€30,000**)

Whereas it is not its core activity, the CIAD helps to cover the running costs of an orphanage which provides all needs (accommodation, meals, access to education) to 20 street children. Continuous support has been provided since 2018.

Pilot Farm (**€ 15,000**)

With the CIAD's and other partners' support, the SSVP South Sudan is developing organic farming to generate income to sustain SSVP's projects, improve food security and feed the poor through food subsidy programmes.

BOSTWANA

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.

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

BRAZIL

Mobile shower

On a weekly basis, the Vincentians in Juiz de Fora, state of Minas Gerais, not only bring food, toiletries, clothes and blankets to the homeless, but also provide fraternal listening, always advocating for their rights to live a dignified life, like having access to a shower.

The CIAD thus supported the purchase and adaptation of a repurposed trailer, which will move around the city to provide the mobile-hygiene service to the homeless.

LEBANON

Catering project **(€17,377**)

The CIAD has supported the initiative of a cooking/catering workshop set up by a Conference taking part in local development through the purchase of local agricultural production, job creation and income-generating activity for both workers and Conference members.

If you wish to support the CIAD via the Fund for international Solidarity (FIS), contact your National Council or the CGI.