

CGI's *Commission for International Aid and Development*, better known as *CIAD*, is the department in charge of reviewing 'requests for funding' made by the *SSVP* globally.

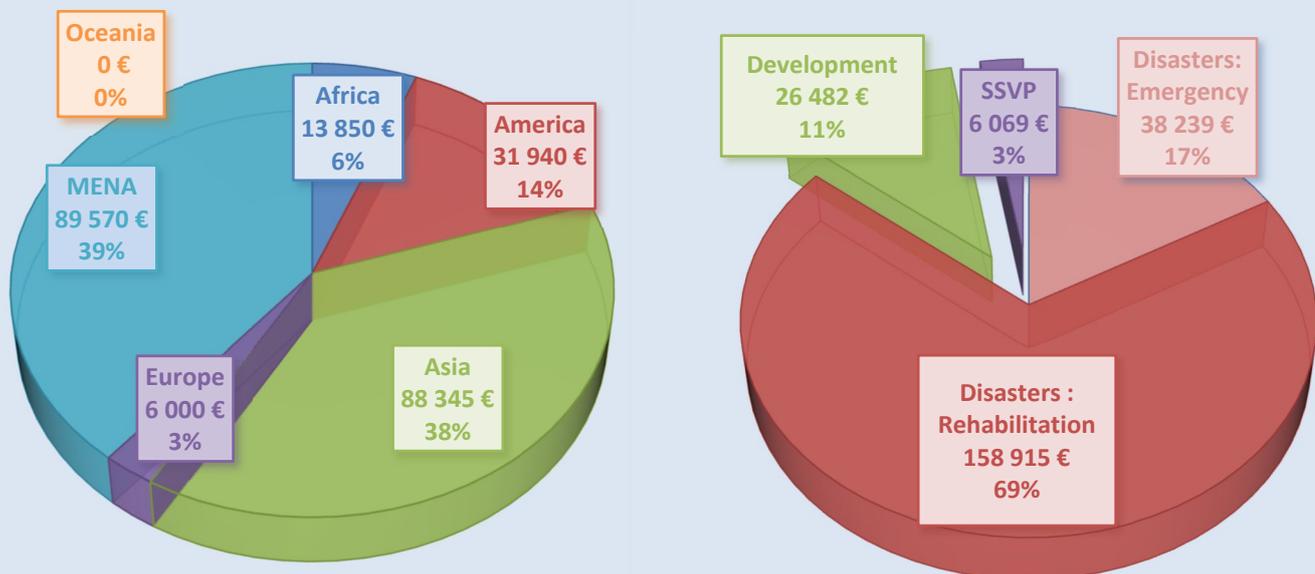
It works under the "Solidarity and Special Projects" Vice-Presidency and has responsibility over three areas:

1. **Disaster Relief:** emergency relief and rehabilitation programs after natural or man-made disasters
2. **Development:** solidarity, self-help, profit making, and systemic change-oriented projects
3. **SSVP Expansion:** implanting and developing *SSVP* in new countries (*SSVP Plus*) and strengthening its structure where necessary

Due to the global pandemic, 2021 has followed the same tough lines as 2020; while needs are increasing, means to respond are severely decreasing, and *CIAD* is hardly able to respond to countries in need. Despite this, the Commission has done its best to be present and support our countries.

Jan – Aug 2021 - KEY FIGURES

€ 304,935 granted to **23 countries**



The above is an overview of our efforts to date. The *CIAD*'s detailed Annual Report will be released in early 2022. *CIAD* solely relies on the *Fund for International Solidarity (FIS)* for its global interventions. This fund is exclusively fed by donations from our *SSVP* Councils and Conferences. Any donation is welcome, no matter the size!

Some of Our Projects

Disaster Relief...

Emergency

Although 'emergency' is not the core vocation of Vincentians, our members have the opportunity to be 'on the spot' almost anywhere in the world. CIAD has an emergency process that allows the speedy release of small grants to cover basic needs after a disaster occurs. These efforts can range from temporary shelter, food, water, medicine, or whatever the immediate need may be. However small this grant is, (usually €3,000 to 5,000), it is a heartfelt gesture of solidarity with the affected SSVP and their poor. It reinforces our fraternal bonds while allowing local Vincentians to immediately initiate effective care for those who suffer, by any means.



Among such actions in 2021, CIAD has supported Vincentian in:

- **Argentina** after an earthquake
- **Indonesia, Timor Leste and Malawi** after floods
- **Nicaragua** after tropical storms
- **St Vincent & the Grenadines and DR Congo** after volcano eruptions
- **Palestine** after the outburst of violence
- **Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Macedonia and Madagascar** with Covid relief

Most recently, CIAD has sent support to SSVP and to the Daughters of Charity in Haiti after August tremendous earthquake

Disaster Relief...

Long Term Support

After the emergency phase and media coverage has passed, if our resources permit, the CIAD continues to support the SSVP countries in their efforts to stabilize affected people and help them get back to 'normal life' as much as possible. This can include, but not limited to: reconstruction, education, livelihood projects, food support, clean water, relocation, healthcare, mental healthcare, friendship, sourcing of other resources, etc.



So far in 2021, we have been able to bring support to:

- House reconstruction project in **Indonesia**
- Meals and scholarships to war refugees in **Lebanon**
- Covid assistance in **India**

Development Projects...

Whenever, and wherever, it has the opportunity of doing so, CIAD wishes to support local Vincentian initiatives in favour of Systemic Change and sustainable development. The goals might be to create employment and self-sustainment opportunities for the poor, to provide them with direct aid, or, to generate income for the Society. It is also dedicated to encourage the continued good work by the Conferences through their activities. Unfortunately, lack of funding has it that this remains a small part of the grants released.



In 2021, CIAD has been able to give support to:

- Agricultural projects in **Cameroon** (model farm) and **Haiti** (rice plantation)
- Conference assistance in **Russia**
- Daily breakfast for kindergarten children in **Grenada**

SSVP Plus and Strengthening

CIAD also has the responsibility of funding *SSVP Plus* projects – geared towards implementing and developing the Society in countries where it is not present, and supporting the Society institutionally in countries where it is weak or has structural difficulties.

In 2021, like in 2020, efforts in this area have been made almost impossible due to the Covid crisis hampering travel possibilities. CIAD has supported some costs to legalize the National Council of **El Salvador**, and running costs of the National Council of **Haiti**.

CIAD's Work is Endangered by Lack of Funds Available!

However Significant, These Efforts are Insufficient Due to Lack of Funding!

For legal reasons, as well as to avoid hampering local/national SSVP efforts in fundraising, CGI does not run fundraising promotions aimed at the general public. CIAD's work is essentially supported by the donations of National Councils to the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS; see below). However, **any spontaneous donation is most welcome!**

The FIS, at present time, has reached a point where it is almost empty; while donations have kept on being generous, they have inevitably been smaller, while needs are constantly getting bigger, rendering CIAD virtually unable to give any support at all.

Some Projects Awaiting Funding

- **Madagascar:** reconstruction and relief to cyclone and flood victims
- **Mozambique:** assistance to terror displaced families
- **Lebanon:** elderly refugees and elderly hot meals project
- **Colombia:** repairs to SSVP home for the elderly
- **Sri Lanka:** Water project in poor village
- **Covid** assistance in many countries, as CIAD's assistance has been limited to small grants

The “Appeal of the Month”



Appeal of the Month

An attempt to raise direct support to our countries in need

Since November 2021, CGI has been publishing a monthly appeal on its Website, for projects that cannot be supported – or fully supported – by CIAD due to the lack of funds.

- **November: Peru:** Daycare center for Venezuelan refugees
- **December: Lebanon:** Hot meals for elderly refugees
- **January: Cameroon:** Model farm project
- **February: Colombia:** repairs to SSVF home for the elderly
- **March: Grenada:** “Healthy Start” breakfasts for pre-school children
- **April: Sierra Leone:** Computer classes project
- **May: Sri Lanka:** Water project in poor village
- **June: Macedonia:** Basic assistance for poor Covid affecter families
- **July: Mozambique:** Emergency assistance to terror victims
- **August: Madagascar:** Response to housing crisis for disaster victims
- **September: Israel:** School material and meals for youth



If you wish to support CIAD through the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS)...get in touch with your National Council or with CGI. For any info, please contact cgi.ciad@ssvpglobal.org !