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1. Introduction

The "CIAD" is the Commission for International Aid and Development of the Society of St Vincent de Paul's International Confederation Council General (SSVP CGI). Its main role is to support the initiatives of the local Society of St Vincent de Paul all over the world.

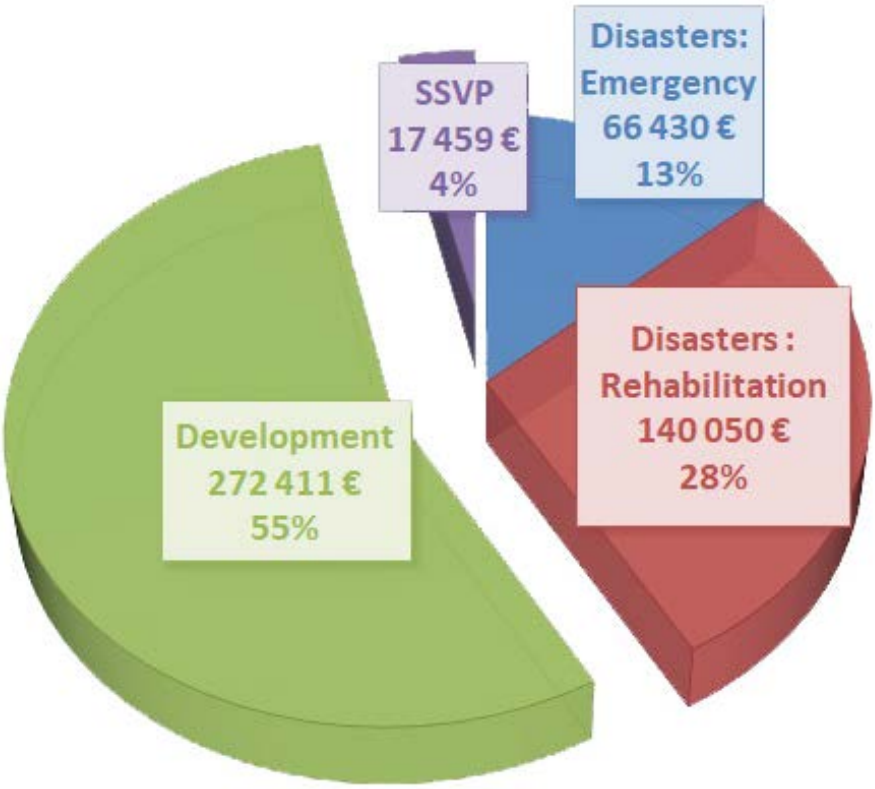
It works under the "Solidarity and Special Projects" Vice-Presidency and has responsibility over three areas:

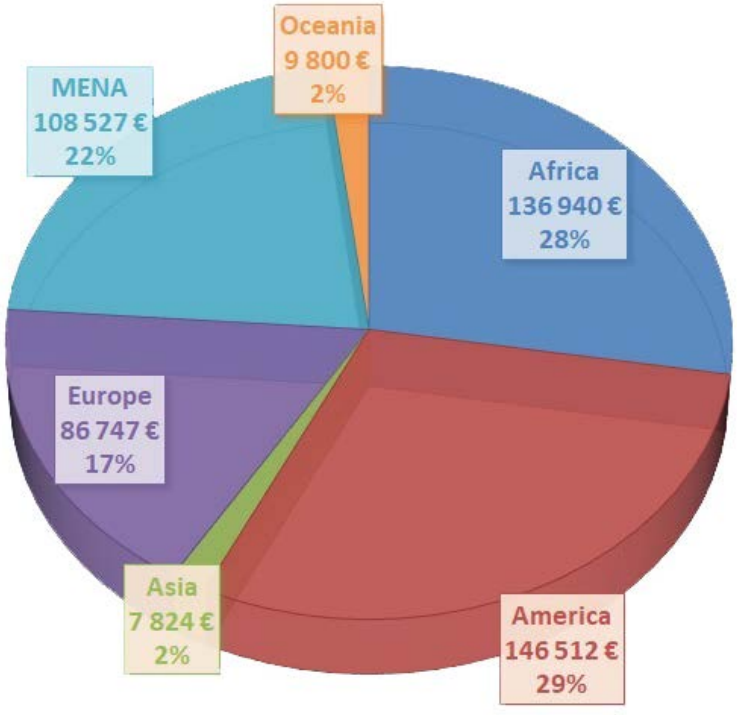
1. **Disaster Relief:** emergency relief and rehabilitation programs after natural or man-made disasters
2. **Development:** solidarity, self-help, profit making, and systemic change-oriented projects
3. **SSVP Expansion:** implanting and developing SSVP in new countries (SSVP Plus) and strengthening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

The CIAD is composed of 13 experienced members of the Conferences of the 5 continents, under the Chair of Adrian Abel (England & Wales) and including three members of the International Board of CGI. Ralph Middlecamp (USA, International Vice-President for Solidarity and Special Projects), Joseph Pandan Thomas (India, International Vice-President) and Larry Tuomey (Ireland, International Treasurer). The other members are Carmella Addante (Canada, FIS Chairwoman), Bill Brazier (USA), Pius Ehiagwina (Nigeria), Ulrike Mattfeldt (Germany), Rose McGowan (Ireland), Kevin McMahon (Australia), John Lee (Hong-Kong, Eduardo Tsukamoto (Brazil), Girolamo Vergnani (Venezuela), with the support of a CGI staff member. It meets twice a year and keeps regular virtual contacts throughout the year.

2022 - Key Figures

€ 496,350 granted to 28 Countries





2. How do we work?

The initiative of the projects reviewed by CIAD is always local, and get to the Commission through the country's National/Superior Council. The Commission's project review process includes a series of mechanisms aimed at making sure that projects are sustainable and that the local Society has the actual capacity of handling them. This includes application through a detailed project provided on a dedicated CIAD form, recommendations by the local representatives of Council General, namely the International Territorial Vice-Presidents (ITVPs) and their teams, and close review by the CIAD members. Close collaboration with the applicant countries' twinning partner is also a key to success, and this has been enhanced in 2022 with the support of the International Twinning Committee of CGI.

3. Chairman's address

Working in partnership with Twinning: Having taken the Chair in February 2022, the big event during the year was our April meeting in Paris, which was the first opportunity for us to meet together as the members of the Commission. We discussed our objectives in some detail, including a joint meeting with the International Twinning Committee (ITC). CIAD was set up to help countries which did not benefit from active Twinning arrangements but we agreed to work closer together in order to provide better aid to the developing countries with the Society that were not twinned. Progress was made to ensure both parties communicated with one another thus avoid duplication.

Requirement to account for donations: Many of donor countries are required by law to provide more openness when sending money out of the country. This is to ensure the money is not being used for for terrorism or for transferring money that has been illegally obtained (money laundering). This requires recipient countries to acknowledge receipt of donations and then account for how they have used the money, whenever possible with receipts.

Funding and restricted funds: In previous years CIAD has made various appeals, following disasters. The generosity of our members has ensured that such appeals, fuelled by the misery caused by such disasters being seen in the media, has sometimes meant that the appeals raised far more money than the local Society could prudently use. In such cases, working with other members of the Vincentian family has always been our first option, but failing this using Caritas or religious orders has been considered to be an acceptable solution. Such funding remains restricted even if it is beyond what we are able to effectively spend, thus money remains dormant in our bank account. We have taken a decision to prevent this from occurring. At the donor end the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS) are not making any special appeals, but are rather making one general appeal each year and then classify these funds as unrestricted, allowing us to use them anywhere where they can be most effective in fighting poverty. At the recipient end we want the local Society to only request grants which they have the resource to spend effectively. A good example of such aid has been given to Ukraine, where the Society has only a tiny presence. We have worked with DePaul Ukraine to fund (€10k per month) a project involving the provision and transport of food to people living in deplorable conditions on the edge of the conflict. DePaul is a member of the Vincentian family and has been very visible in bringing help to some of the most suffering people, such as the elderly and the children of young families

Appreciation: Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the members of the committee who have been so active in replying quickly to requests for help and being very positive in their support. Thanks must also go the the ITVPs and Zone Coordinators, who have scrutined requests and advised us of what help would be most effective, to the staff in Paris who have provided us with such good service and by no means least the many countries, Councils and even Conferences that have been so generous in their donations. We pray that Christ's love will spread bringing peace and justice to all.

4. Some of Our Projects

4.1. Disaster Relief - Emergency

While the Society of St Vincent de Paul is not primarily an agency set up to react to emergencies , when a disaster occurs, our Vincentians have the advantage of being "on the spot" almost everywhere in the world. CIAD's emergency process allows an almost immediate release of limited amounts of funds – after making sure of the needs and capacity of action of the local SSVP. This gesture of solidarity generally allows Conferences to provide temporary shelter, food, water, medicine, or whatever the immediate need may be. This is the only occasion in which the CIAD grants funds without a detailed and budgeted project.

In 2022, CIAD has supported Vincentian emergency actions in:

- **Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia** after tropical storm,
- **Chad, South Africa and Zambia** after floods
- **Sao Tome and Principe** after a fire
- **Tonga** after an eruption and tsunami
- **Brazil** after heavy rains
- **Venezuela and Sri Lanka** to mitigate the socio-economical crisis
- **Romania and Slovakia** to support Ukraine war refugees

4.2. Disaster Relief - Long Term Support

After the emergency phase and when the cameras have gone, the CIAD supports the SSVP countries in their efforts towards longer term support, 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 & humanitarian support, clean water, relocation, healthcare, mental healthcare, friendship, sourcing of other resources, etc.

TONGA

Volcano eruption & Tsunami – **€ 9.800**

- Partnership: SSVP Australia and New Zealand
- SSVP in Tonga: **14** Conferences and **200** members

On 14th January, a massive volcanic eruption and tsunami near Tonga caused "an unprecedented disaster". In total, about 84,000 people, more than 80 per cent of the population of the South Pacific Kingdom, have been affected by the disaster. With support from their twins and CIAD, Tongan Vincentians were able to distribute more than 3000 face masks to seriously affected villages in Tongatapu, bottled waters to affected families and volunteers at the 4 locations that were seriously damaged by the Tsunami, as well as food, mats, clothes, cooking gas vouchers, metered water vouchers and shipped food containers to isolated islands of Ha'apai and Eua, both .of which have a population of around 5,000 people.

MADAGASCAR

Cyclone relief and reconstruction - **€ 49,265**

- Beneficiaries – **1,000** cyclone affected families
- SSVP in Madagascar : **121** Conferences and **1,293** members

In January and February, two cyclones (Ana and Batsirai) lashed the country within less than two weeks,of one another, affecting more than 10,000 people, and destroying over 6,000 houses, cutting off roads and flooding plantations and rice fields, and leaving the majority of the population to starvation. CIAD supported local SSVP's initiative on a two parts project, consisting in providing emergency items (food and blankets, to thousands, and rebuilding of 5 houses.

ZAMBIA

Flood Assistance - **€ 11,700**

- Beneficiaries : **700+** affected households
- SSVP In Zambia: **1,445** Conferences and **20,455** members

Zambia like other countries in the region, suffered heavy rains late in December 2021, and was affected by Tropical Storm Ana in January 2022, resulting in floods, affecting thousands of households, submerging thousands of hectares of fields and crops, destroying houses and sanitation systems. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Zambia through the financial assistance from CIAD has managed assist over 700 households with food and covid and hygiene materials as well as other basic esential life needs.

MALAWI

Basic assistance to flood victims - **€ 16,715**

- Partnership: SSVP Ireland
- Beneficiaries: around **5,000** families
- SSVP in Malawi: **258** Conferences and **3,600** members

Like Mozambique and Zambia, Malawi was affected by tropical storm Ana and subsequent floods and heavy destruction. CIAD joined SSVP's Ireland – Malawi's twin – in supporting their relief effort, allowing them to assist 5,000 families with food and relief items (mosquito nets, blankets and household items), as well as seeds to produce crops that empower the victims to be food self reliant – with a focus on less privileged people, such as children, orphans, widows , people affected with floods, people with physical challenge, and those who can not afford to buy food due to poverty.

MOZAMBIQUE

Basic support to war/terrorism displaced families - **€ 7,500** (Phase 1/2)

- Beneficiaries : around **125** families
- SSVP in Mozambique : **33** Conferences and **1,080** Members

In 2022, SSVP Mozambique has continued assisting families displaced from the Northern part of a country, severely affected by terrorist attacks. They are continuously providing food, medicines, as well as Vincentian love and care to these families within the displaced camps. This time, a total of 125 families, 100 pregnant women, 150 children and 50 elderly people were beneficiaries in this first phase. Phase two will take place in early 2023. The works had the participation of 10 SSVP volunteers, local and religious community leaders who facilitated the mobilization of the population in a scenario of fear of new attacks.

SPECIAL FOCUS

UKRAINE – DePaul

The presence of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is very limited in Ukraine, and for obvious reasons, our Conferences are not in a position to keep up with their daily work during this war. It is in such situations that CIAD collaborates with other branches of the Vincentian Family, as already mentioned in the Chair's Address.

DePaul's logistics team estimate they are currently feeding around 3,300 individuals per day in 1,500 households. They were transporting 50 tonnes of food per month and are aiming to increase this to 200 tonnes. Most of this food has been procured in Slovakia, but they are increasingly obtaining the food in Ukraine itself, thus protecting the Ukrainian economy. They are providing shelter to 30 families in Kharkiv and 20 in Odesa.

The €10k per month has been guaranteed until the middle of 2023, but will almost certainly continue for another year. Additionally, a Conference in the south of Italy has funded (along with support from the Italian National Council and CIAD)a, the provision of 4 bore holes and accompanying desalination units to the area around Mikolaiv, where Russian bombing has crippled the infrastructure that was supplying water to the city. The bore holes are being overseen by the local authority in the city.

4.3. Development Projects

Breaking the circle of poverty remains essential for the Society of St Vincent de Paul, and for Council General in particular. CIAD thus encourages local SSVP all over the world to submit small scale sustainable development or systemic change initiatives that ought to provide empowerment rather than mere assistance to our friends in need, create employment opportunities, or provide income for the Society's own self-sufficiency.

ANGOLA

Farm - **€ 15,000** (ph. 1/2)

- Beneficiaries : **100** families, in particular woman
- SSVP in Angola: **88** Conferences

SSVP in Angola has the beautiful initiative of implementing a combined system of home gardens and animal husbandry on a domestic scale providing an introduction to alternative cuisine, benefiting about 100 low-income families in different households headed by women, in order to improve their quality of life. The project includes a formation side so as to empower women with skills and abilities to improve their business management and increase the self-employment capacity of women who have recently graduated in agriculture, consequently creating jobs, whether fixed or seasonal.

COSTA RICA

Education Project - **€ 4,000**

- Beneficiaries: **300** schoolchildren and students
- **11** Conferences and **135** members

In collaboration with the local Education Centre, a Conference has decided to provide a segment of 300 children, young people and adults, mainly from the Nicaraguan migrant population in the Northern Zone of Costa Rica, with a classroom for virtual education, preventing them from falling behind in their studies, as access to electronic media or the internet is essential. CIAD has supported a small part of their budget, to rehabilitate the classroom.

MEXICO

SSVP Community Centre - **€ 9,000** (out of **€** 32,000)

- SSVP in Mexico: **35** Conferences and **280** members
- Partner: SSVP in Phoenix (USA)

In an indigenous community in extreme poverty, with no infrastructure, no streets, no electricity, no water, the teachers and mothers approached Sociedad San Vicente de Paul in Morelos to ask for support. Local Conferences have been supporting them for the last eight years and has decided to go a step further start the construction of a Vincentian Community Centre called "Felix Clavé" (one of the original founders of the Society in Paris in 1833) . The SSVP Morelos Conferences will coordinate the activities of the Vincentian Community Centre, provide free monthly food baskets, training courses in different trades, markets, health services for the community, special projects of the Conferences, etc

NICARAGUA

Building of houses - **€ 4,500**

- Beneficiaries : **5** families
- SSVP in Nicaragua: **20** Conferences

San Antonio de Sisle Conference is working in a rural area community, which lacks basic services (water, electricity and drainage), The families they assist live in very precarious conditions and the SSVP members wished to offer them better living standard. They have thus requested – and obtained – CIAD's assistance to rebuild and repair the houses of 5 families and improve the water system.

HAITI

Rice Farm - **€ 13,660** (phase 2 & 3)

- Beneficiaries: Local farmers, SSVP Councils, Conferences assisted people
- SSVP in Haiti: **32** Conferences and **480** members

In one of the poorest countries in the world, the Society is active and dynamic, and the Vincentians have decided to reduce their dependance on external support. For this they have developed the project of a rice farm. Over 2022, CIAD has continued its support to develop the farm which has been able to successfully start its activities, with very satisfactory first results. The farm is aimed at providing food for the poor, jobs to local farmers as well as an income for the local SSVP.

BRAZIL

"Feeding hands": Youth Conference street support - **€ 13,500**

- Beneficiaries : **40** homeless people… and growing!
- SSVP in Brazil: **15,935** Conferences and **122,650** members

The Social Project "Feeding Hands" was born during the COVID19 pandemic, when the members of the Menino Jesus Conference (Children and Adolescents) noticed a gradual increase of homeless people in the city of Barbacena.. It is based on cooking and delivering food, blankets, clothes and personal hygiene kits to homeless people. While the project has been working with Vincentians' own cars, it needed an adapted and reconditioned vehicle, which the CIAD has been happy to provide. This will allow to raise the number of homeless friends served (initially 40).

BRAZIL

Food support to SSVP Community Centre - **€ 4,500**

- Beneficiaries : **200** families (initially)

A long established Brazilian Conference is developing a community centre to provide comprehensive and continuous care to assisted families in the Vidigal Community (Rio de Janeiro) through food services, comprehensive health, employment and vocational training, education and spiritual well-being, without neglecting the first vocation of the SSVP, that is, personal contact with the Poor, who are our Lords and Masters, with the aim of enabling the integral human development of the beneficiary families.

CIAD has been requested to support the food part of the project for one year ,which represents a small part of the project's global budget, but shows a meaningful gesture of solidarity.

VENEZUELA

Computer classroom for SSVP School- **€ 9,600**

- Beneficiaries: **528** schoolchildren
- **38** Conference and **300** members

Since its foundation in 1989, Santa Cruz de Guatire Conference has been working in a SSVP School. The families of the community and the pupils have scarce resources and in many cases the school has to provide scholarship grants to enable the pupils to continue their studies. Equipping and adapting the computer classroom provides the students with important tools for their studies, but also offers the possibility of offering representatives and people from the community to participate in the computer courses, providing them with tools to access new jobs online and broaden their skills.

VENEZUELA

Fishery and boat transport project – **€ 35,000**

San Rafael Arcángel de Güinima Conference is working on an island called Isla Coche which is totally dependent on the supply by boat of food, medicines, hygiene articles, cleaning products, fuel, and transport from Margarita Island and the mainland. The project aims to provide a fishing vessel and repair a transport vessel to provide food for the population of Güinima and people in need, thereby facilitating the movement of people between the islands and the mainland and vice versa, as a general support to the local community.

COLOMBIA

Repairs for a SSVP home for the elderly (Ph. 2: **€ 18,800**)

- Beneficiaries: **45** elderly
- SSVP In Colombia : **200** Conferences and **1692** members

The SSVP in Bogotá , Columbia runs a residential home for homeless elderly people hosting 45 residents who receive shelter, support and health services as well as companionship and friendship in the Vincentian tradition. The structure has deteriorated and an extensive programme of repairs and rehabilitation has proved indispensable. While SSVP has been able to raise approximately 50% of the total budget, CIAD has approved complementing this effort.

RUSSIA

Basic Conference activities - **€ 7,850**

- Beneficiaries : orphans and elderly
- SSVP in Russia : **1** Conference and **7** members

The only SSVP Conference in Russia is located in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia. Despite the war and worldwide situation, the Conference members keep on sharing their love and friendship around them. CIAD is supporting their daily activities, mainly conducted in homes for the Elderly and Orphanages, where the Vincentians provide love and care, food assistance, recreative activities as well as spiritual support.

NORTH MACEDONIA

General support to Conference activities - **€ 13,950)**

- Beneficiaries: **40** families
- SSVP In North Macedonia : **1** Conference and **10** members

The Conference of Bitola is working in a very poor environment (40% unemployment), and provides assistance through transportation of patients suffering from serious diseases, providing daily basic food items to the homeless, firewood, medicines, diapers for children with cerebral palsy, while trying to pay for hospital bills and training courses. They try to answer all those who come and knock on their door and ask for help, with a special focus on the Roma population. The Conference has no source of income, and CIAD has decided to provide an exceptional support for their activities.

ITALY

Mobile foodbank - **€ 5,000**

- Beneficiaries: **1,500** people
- SSVP In Italy : **1,000** Conferences and **13,000** members

For several years; the Council and Conferences of Caltagirone, Sicily, has been providing a food delivery service to up to 1,500 people. Unfortunately, the truck they were using burnt out and the Central Council requested support from CIAD to purchase a new one, in order to restart this very important activity. CIAD has granted partial support as a gesture of solidarity.

SYRIA (Homs)

Solar panels for SSVP special work -: **€ 9,800**

- SSVP In Homs : **1** Conferences and **100** members

SSVP Homs has set up a kitchen where 30 workers, trained in advance, produce food for sale. The raw materials are bought from local farmers. The income from sales is used primarily to provide meals for the elderly in the care of our Conference.

The problem of electricity has lingered in Syria since the beginning of the war, endangering the continuity of the kitchen. To save the extremely high costs of fuel and high contamination of diesel generators, the CIAD has supported SSVP Hom's request to purchase and install solar panels.

LEBANON

Solar panels for SSVP special work - **€ 58,800**

- Beneficiaries: **82** elderly people
- Partner : SSVP USA

St Pierre Conference in Chathoul is managing several special works called 'Cité St Vincent de Paul', including a social centre incorporating crafts and a workshop for the production and marketing of local products, agricultural and beekeeping projects and very importantly a home for the elderly (capacity 95 people) with 82 residents. Stuck in an unprecedented crisis, described by the World Bank as one of the worst in the history of the world since 1850, Lebanon has been experiencing draconian power cuts for more than two years, peaking at more than 22 hours a day, and even days of total blackout. The diesel generators used by the Cité were outdated, as well as being expensive and contaminating. The CIAD, with the generous support of SSVP USA, has helped providing solar panels.

LEBANON

Summer camps, Catering service, Meals - **€ 39,250**

- Partner : SSVP USA

The mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Lebanon continues despite all the challenges and barriers imposed by the catastrophic situation in the country. With the support of SSVP USA, CIAD has been able to support three projects to help them continue.

Three summer camps have allowed 171 children to create memories that will now be engraved in their memory, with several cultural, educational, sporting and psychological activities to help them let off steam and have fun, far from the daily stress they experience with their parents, following the unprecedented Lebanese economic crisis. SSVP's catering service, which provides jobs, free or cheap food for the poor, provides an income for the Society and has provided new devices to develop and diversify their production. "Hot Meals With Love" is a project involving with 24 Conferences who cook and distribute hot meals with a package of bread to more than 2000 families per week. This work has continued since the explosion of the port of Beirut, and could continue until the end of the year instead of stopping in July.

4.4. SSVP Plus and Strengthening

CIAD also has the responsibility of funding SSVP Plus & Strengthening 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.

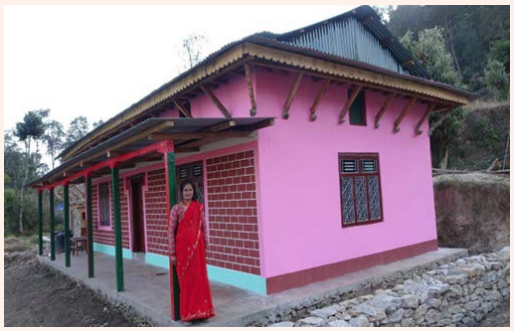
While the Covid pandemic has hampered the necessary travels and SSVP Plus efforts, the situation is slowly improving. SSVP Strengthening has supported initiatives in Haiti (general support to the National Council), Sierra Leone (follow up of reactivation of SSVP Conferences), or Nepal made possible with help from CIAD.

4.5. Some Past Projects

Nepal: Earthquake reconstruction (€ 780,000) 2016-2018

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

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 (2018)

The poorest country in the world is suffering 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 (2018)

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, undertake work and make some benefits to help earn their living.

Benin – Equipment for SSVP Medical Centre - € 14,265 - 2018

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

Sri Lanka– Water distribution Project – € 12,000 - 2012

The Project funded by CIAD of CGI has been able to greatly help the people of Viditalativu to obtain safe drinking water, which was not available earlier except by purchasing from private parties and at a great cost to the people, before the commencement of this project.

The project is fully operational now with the tractor and bowser doing three rounds of water distribution a day to 500 families. The water is sold at a low price to families that can afford it, in order to cover running costs. It is given free to bedridden older people or to poorest families.

Burkina Faso – Pig rearing training - € 8,020 – 2019

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 then supported to set up to improvements in their breeding programme within their own 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 - 2016

Be in Hope Orphanage - € 30,000

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

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 SSVP projects, improve food security and feed the poor through subsidized pricing.

Brazil – Mobile Bathroom - € 8,000 - 2019

On the occasion of their weekly contact with homeless people, where they bring food, toiletries, clothes and blankets during the night, while also providing a fraternal listening ear to these homeless people, the Vincentians of Juiz de Fora, state of Minas Gerais, went on to respond to 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.

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 - 2013

Christ the King Cathedral Conference runs a home called the 'SSVP Centre' for orphaned children as well as disadvantaged older 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.

Cameroon: Farm (€20,000) 2019-2021

- Beneficiaries: **5** permanent & **100** temporary workers
- Assisted Conference people: **600**
- Conferences in the country: **42**
- Members: **146**

CIAD has supported this project from 2019 to 2021. The goal is to develop an organic market garden to promote sustainability practices. The farm is used to train the local community on organic farming. 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 and 100 young people. The farm also generates job opportunities for five permanent workers and over 100 local students during their school holidays. Thus, they can earn money to pay for school fees, clothing and supplies.

Grenada: "Healthy Start" Daily breakfast for kindergarten children (€3,200) - 2021

- Beneficiaries: **31** children (aged 3-4)
- Conferences in the country: **33**
- Members: **480**
- Partner: One Canadian Conference

This project was conducted in 2021 in a poor rural community. As most of the children in the kindergarten do not get a breakfast at home, the project ensured that each child received a healthy breakfast, daily for a year. This supported each child's physical, mental, emotional and academic development. This project was publicized by the CIAD as 'project of the month' and received generous support from a Conference in Canada.

Israel: School material (€3,200) 2021

- Beneficiaries: **77** schoolchildren
- Conference in the country: **1**
- Members: **6** (Haifa)

In this politically sensitive area, in particular with persecutions against Palestinians, the Vincentians fight to help the most disadvantaged. Every year, for the new school year, they provide school bags and supplies to students from poor families. Each school bag contains notebooks (ordinary and drawing), pencils, pens, geometry boxes, a pencil case and a calculator. While they usually raise funds amongst their benefactors and friends, it was not possible in 2021 due to the joint effects of Covid and of a tense political climate, and was thus provided by CIAD.

Together, we are stronger!

CIAD can not do anything without 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 by National Councils to the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS; see below). However, any spontaneous donation is most welcome!

Since 2021, CGI launches only one Annual Appeal, and strives to discourage restricted donation to avoid situations in which our Society's presence is not solid enough to use the considerable amounts we receive.

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

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