



# International Confederation of the Society of St Vincent de Paul

## FUND FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

### *Better and Better Together*

#### Message to the Presidents of National Councils, Conferences, and General Membership of the SSVP Around the World

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**We are asking you to help today by contributing generously to this Annual Appeal for the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS).** This is the fund used by the *Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD)* so that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council General International (CGI) can **rapidly assist our brothers and sisters struggling to respond to disasters and other emergency needs around the world.**

Thanks to the loving support of our worldwide network of charity, we can draw from the contributions generously provided to our Fund for International Solidarity to give our conferences and councils the funds they need to help these struggling friends with the help they urgently need. Often, they are doing so with extremely limited resources.

We need to replenish this fund annually, which is why we are seeking your help today. **We are asking you, your Councils and Conferences, and your General Membership to respond to this once-a-year worldwide appeal for Vincentian solidarity with as generous a gift as you are able offer.**

Your generosity will permit us to ...

- have the resources the *Commission for International Aid and Development* needs to equip Vincentians on the front lines of emergency response,
- keep sufficient funds in reserve so that, when future disasters strike, **we will be able to respond to requests for help immediately without having to issue emergency appeals,**
- provide support to our struggling member Councils, and initiate programmatic responses to systemic poverty, marginalization, and oppression, ... and most of all,
- **be the hands, face and caring heart of Jesus** in our local communities — and in our global community — and be *better together.*





**We need your help, and that of your Councils, your Conferences, and your Membership! Please review and share the recently published [CIAD Annual Report](#) to see your contributions at work.**

This is the third year we have relied on a single annual appeal rather than soliciting funds in response to particular emergencies. That previous strategy often ignored smaller, yet very compelling disasters as our members generously gave funds mostly to address those tragic events that received the most media attention. Our Commission is very careful to fund projects that demonstrate accountability, and we do not collect funds in excess of our local members' capacity to use them in a timely manner.

This year we again ask everyone in our network of charity to support the Fund for International Solidarity generously. Some who receive this appeal are blessed to be able to respond with greater sums than others may be able to offer, but all gifts will be gratefully received! **Most importantly, we ask for your prayers for the victims of disaster and for those who bring relief to their neighbors in need.**

Serving in Hope,

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PS: We ask that you endorse this appeal and share it with your Council and Conference leadership and General Membership. From the Council General to parish volunteers, **we are a single, worldwide community of love and support.** We stand together to respond to crises, to meet ongoing and systemic needs, and to proclaim as one the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*

*We are asking National Councils to gather the donations on their own territory, and subsequently send them to CGI. For more details, please get in touch with your National Council or with CGI through [cgi.appeals@ssvpglobal.org](mailto:cgi.appeals@ssvpglobal.org).*

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