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«My heart is big enough to love much»

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Together, we are always stronger!

CIAD cannot 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.

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Introduction

SEEKING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an international organisation formed of lay Catholics, who seek personal and spiritual growth through service to those most in need.

155
countries

800,000
members

30,500,000
friends assisted

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is present in over 155 countries, with 800,000 members and 1,500,000 volunteers. Every day, it helps over 30 million people. The core of the SSVP consists of "Conferences": these are groups of friends, authentic communities of faith and action who share a determination to make this world a better place through personal contact with those who suffer. With more than 2,500 social projects, the SSVP manages a wide range of social works that care for and attend to those in need: schools, orphanages, soup kitchens, hospitals, nurseries, nursing homes and many more!

The CGI (Council General International) is the organ responsible for coordinating the activities of the SSVP around the world, ensuring the coherence and quality of its services.

The Commission for International Aid and Development, better known as CIAD, is the arm of CGI's solidarity: Its main role is to support the initiatives of the local Society of St Vincent de Paul all over the world.

It has responsibility over three areas:

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

Chairman's Address | Chair's Report for 2024

TO ALL PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

When Jesus was asked "Who is my neighbour?" He answered with the parable of the good Samaritan, illustrating that His commandment to love our neighbour was not just about our next-door neighbour, not even in the same country, but all people throughout the world.

The Society has done this since its formation, such as in Ireland during the potato famine (1845 – 1852), or in the Loire Valley in France following great floods in 1847. The Society was then only in a few countries. We are now truly international and more knowledgeable about world affairs, be it natural disasters, war or indeed a desire to build our precious Society in countries where it is non-existent or needs strengthening.

Development & Social Projects: Traditionally, most of the funds required by CIAD came in following a major disaster through the Fund for International Solidarity (FIS). While still in the news money poured into our funds, but which we could only use for that disaster, unavailable for anywhere else. Consequently, it favoured countries where there was international press and secondly took no account of the local Society's ability to prudently spend it. Hence, we no longer make specific appeals, instead concentrate on building up our unrestricted reserves, allowing us to act promptly when disasters occur, and where we have a Society with sufficient capacity to respond..

Of concern, in 2023 our income had dropped to €276,000, whereas expenditure rose to €529,000. Thankfully, in 2024 we see a remarkable balance between income at €434,000 and expenditure at €433,000. Donor countries rose from 12 to 26, with many less wealthy countries making donations, showing great Christian solidarity. Grateful thanks go to all the donors, most of which made their contribution unrestricted and therefore immediately available when needed.

Governance: Our Society has always been very transparent and cautious with our funds. It is now easy to transfer money internationally, not just for charitable organisations but also criminals and terrorist groups. Governments have reacted by having strict regulations and reporting requirements for transferring funds between countries. Our banks check as to where our money is going. Hence, we require more details before we send out money, then afterwards we must show where the money has been spent, requiring us to have accounts, receipts, with the stories and appropriate pictures. This involves making as required some hard decisions and requires us to consult with our International Territorial Vice Presidents, on whose advice we are so dependent. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Donations: During 2024 we made 41 contributions to 27 countries, down from the 33 countries in 2023. Some contributions are split into more than one tranche when large amounts are involved, ensuring that money has been correctly used before making a further contribution.

Homelessness is now becoming the major concern. We almost always work with our members in the countries we aid. An exception is Ukraine, where we received massive donations following the Russian invasion, and our few Conferences lacked the capacity for prudently spending. Therefore, we worked with DePaul International, another member of the Vincentian family, which has staff and volunteers near to the hard hit areas near the border, providing food and life's essentials, often outside of the main cities where other agencies were active.

Twinning: CIAD continues to work closely with the International Twinning Committee (ITC) which pairs countries to make a longer-term commitment. We urge more National Councils to participate and thank the ITC for its great work and efforts to work with CIAD.

Membership of CIAD: I would like to thank all those who have served CIAD faithfully over the year including our staff in Paris. We have also had some changes in the vital roles of International Territorial Vice Presidents (ITVP) and Zone Coordinators. They are the eyes and ears of CIAD and help us to make good decisions. Thank you all very much.

> «We must combine action with words, affirm the vitality of our faith through works»
>
> **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**

Yours in St Vincent and Blessed Frederic

Adrian Abel

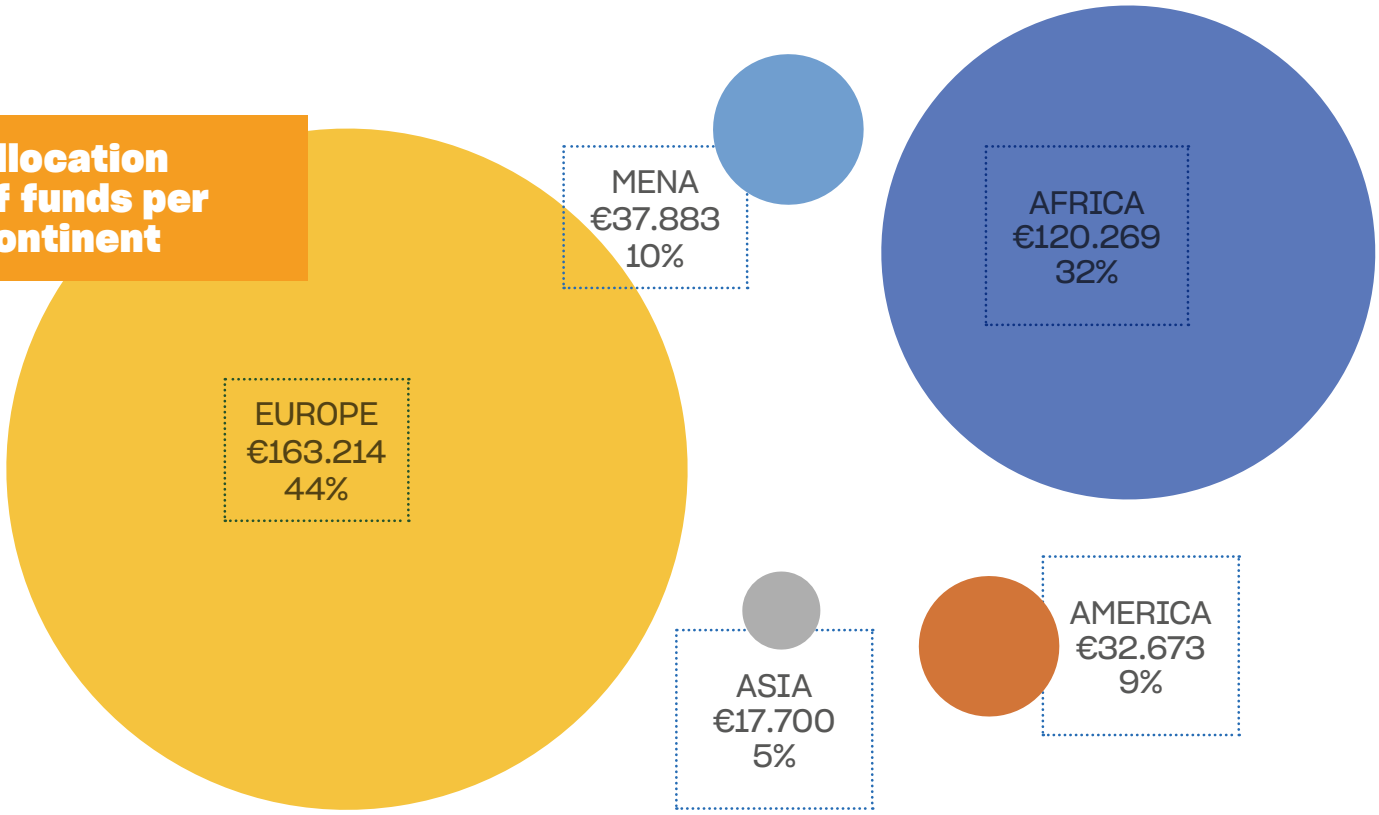
Adrian Abel
CHAIR, CIAD.

Key figures

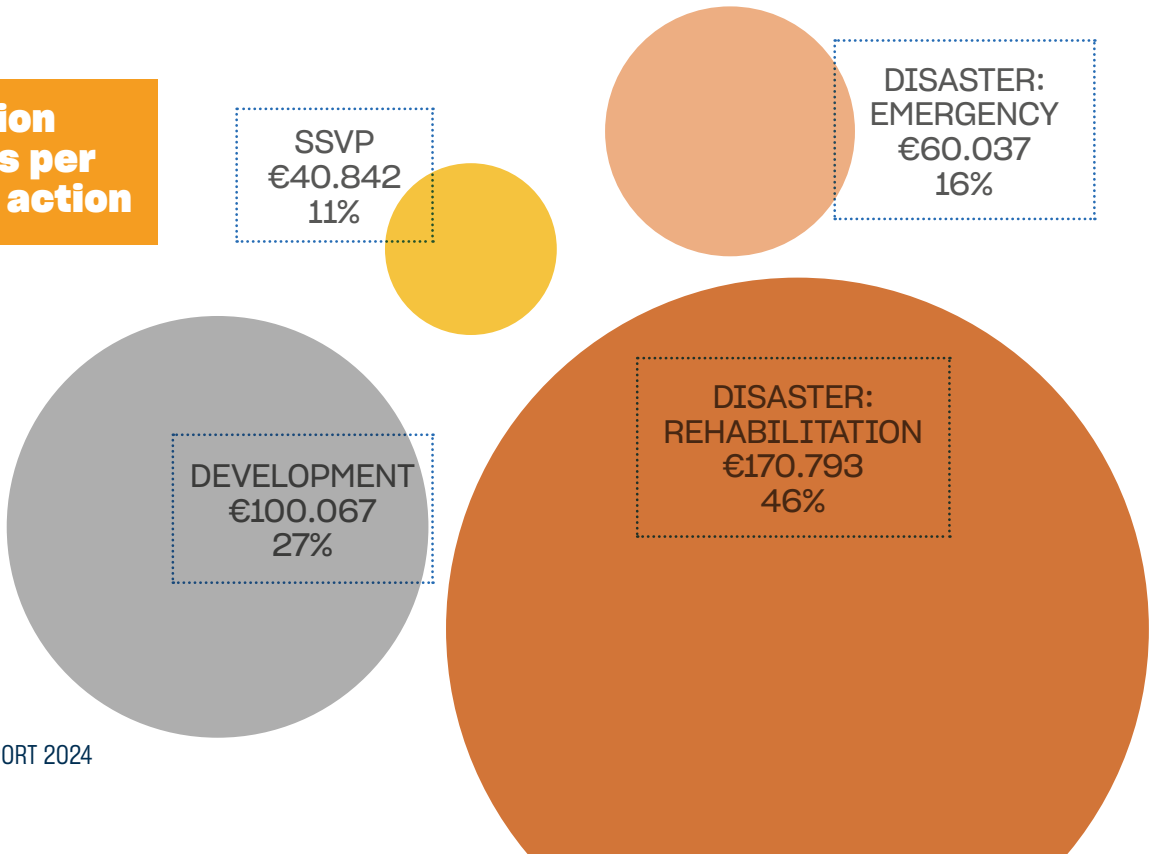
DONATIONS MADE

€ 371,739 distributed to **27** Vincentian territories

Allocation of funds per continent



Allocation of funds per area of action



How does CIAD do its work?

ALWAYS FROM LOCAL REQUEST

The Commission works directly under the Vice-President General, Bro Ralph Middlecamp (USA), in collaboration with the "Solidarity and Special Projects" Vice-Presidency, held by Bro. Julio Cesar Marques de Lima (Brazil). It is chaired by Bro. Adrian Abel (England and Wales) and made of 10 senior members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul on the 5 continents, supported by a member of the staff in Council General's Paris office.

The Commission meets in person once a year and holds at least three online meeting each year. The members also keep in constant touch by e-mail to deal with urgent cases.

The core work is done on a project basis, and the initiative of the requests is always local. A series of mechanisms and processes is in place to make sure the projects approved are worthwhile, Vincentian and sustainable. This includes prior recommendation by the local representatives of Council General in the regions, namely the International Territorial Vice-Presidents (ITVPs) and their teams (Zone Coordinators and Delegates for Special projects) before being closely reviewed by the Commission's members.

In addition, cooperation with the International Twinning Committee – including a yearly joint meeting - is being extended to ensure that Twinning and CIAD are closely collaborating. This has the double edge advantage of avoiding duplication and leaving untwinned countries on the side of the road.

Our actions in 2024

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is not a specialized emergency relief agency; it does not “send” people and material on the spot of human or natural disasters, nor does it have the means or expertise do so, but with a presence in over 150 countries of the world, the Vincentians are very often ‘already on the spot’ and can bring immediate relief.

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.

This is mostly useful and significant in the case of “forgotten” or very local disasters, which do not have huge media coverage and do not bring about a big international surge of solidarity.

In 2024, over € 60,000 were granted by CIAD in that way to support our local Vincentians’ relief actions in 11 countries: assistance to the victims of terror attacks in the Central African Republic or to the victims of the social and political crisis in Haiti and Lebanon, to the victims of cyclones, storms or hurricanes in Grenada, Panama or the Philippines, of floods in Chad and Ethiopia, fires in Bolivia or an earthquake in Japan.

DISASTER REHABILITATION

The damage caused by a disaster is usually long-lasting, both in terms of the impact on the land and infrastructure, and on the affected population, both materially and psychologically. CIAD encourages a long-term, holistic approach and supports many initiatives to care for the victims and help the local population to regain a decent standard of living, as the people affected are often the poorest of the poor. Programmes supported may include, but are not limited to: reconstruction - both housing and public facilities, education, livelihood and self-help projects, food and humanitarian aid, access to clean water, resettlement, health care, mental health care, friendship, provision of other resources, etc.

MALAWI

Cyclone and flood relief

€ 15,000 (Phase 3 of 3)
Beneficiaries : 2,500 people
Malawi: 268 Conferences and 3,650 members; 9,780 people assisted every year

A cyclone caused severe damage in Malawi in 2023, and CIAD partnered with SSVP Ireland to support SSVP Malawi's effort to assist 2,500 people with humanitarian help, mainly consisting in responding to basic needs such as food and blankets. A third phase was conducted in 2024, and allowed to give fraternal support to 2,500 more friends in need with assorted items such as maize flour, maize, beans, rice and blankets in three dioceses. Beyond this mere humanitarian assistance, SSVP Malawi is trying to assist people to settle in upper areas as a flood prevention measure.

UKRAINE

Assistance to victims of the war

€ 101,000 in 2024
SSVP Conferences have suspended their activities due to the war. We are assisting through the Vincentian Family and hope to reactivate SSVP as soon as possible.

In 2024, CIAD sent €101,000 to Ukraine helping those most suffering. The Society is very small and exists mainly in Kyiv, whereas most war victims are in the East and the South. Therefore, CIAD decided to work with DePaul Ukraine, a member of the Vincentian family, who were in Ukraine before the war. People in villages near the front line were the suffering the most as aid was not reaching them. The DePaul workforce, assisted by volunteers, provided food and essentials to these isolated communities, often just using bicycles, as larger vehicles were targets.

The emphasis is now turning to homelessness, as homes are destroyed or damaged. Blessed Martha Wiecka Conference in Kyiv hopes to help as part of the "13 Houses" project. With little capacity to maintain property itself, they are hoping to work with DePaul and to attract matched funding. Fr Vitaliy CM, former CEO of DePaul Ukraine was called up to serve in the military as a chaplain, bringing Mass to the military from the back of a modified camper van.

KENYA

Flood relief

€ 30,000 (2 phases)
Beneficiaries : SSVP Kenya : 85 Conferences and 1,500 members, 3,340 people assisted yearly

In the beginning of the year, Kenya was affected by severe floods reaching almost all parts of he country. SSVP wanted to support as many people as possible with basic assistance. The first phase of their action allowed to help over 400 families, essentially with food, lunch baskets for schoolchildren, water, hygiene or sanitation items as well as school material and uniforms. They were also able to re-build 3 houses, restore 10 businesses and install 4 water tanks. A second phase took place : people in different communities have found food and water storages, stationery for school going children and repair of their houses.

LIBERIA
Flood relief

€ 6,547
Beneficiaries : 257 families
SSVP Liberia : 29 Conferences and 547 members, 2030 people assisted each year

In response to the devastating floods caused by two days of relentless rainfall, affecting over 4,000 inhabitants of Monrovia, the National Council of the Saint Vincent de Paul worked closely with parish priests, local community leaders, and the National Disaster Commission to provide essential relief. Assistance included the distribution of food items, shelter materials, sanitary kits, medical supplies, and services to 257 families across 10 communities in Monrovia. Of these, 170 families received food items, 48 received mattresses, 2 received zinc sheets, 62 received medical services, and all 257 families received sanitation supplies, including soap, chloride, and hand sanitizer. Additionally, 175 female-headed households received sanitary pads as part of the hygiene kits.

BURKINA FASO
Displaced assistance (fruit trees and plants)

€ 10,746
Beneficiaries : 400 families
SSVP Burkina : 36 Conferences and 1,372 members, 2,000 people assisted each year

Since 2015, terrorism has displaced around 2,000,000 people in Burkina Faso. Localities under terrorist control were liberated in 2022 and IDPs were able to return home, but they are now without resources. To help them rebuild their lives, the SSVP has provided 400 beneficiaries with seedlings and agricultural inputs, in particular organic fertiliser. This enables them to have an initial income, which will gradually increase, within 70 days of receiving the kit and then to expand their plantations to obtain a regular income. They are then able to provide for themselves without having to wait for help from the State or any other structure. It should be noted that by producing fruit and vegetables, the beneficiaries also improve the quality of their food.

NIGERIA
Flood relief

€ 16,140 (Phase 3 of 3)
Beneficiaries: 5,000 people
SSVP Nigeria : 1,008 Conferences and 8,153 members

In the end of 2022, torrential rains caused severe flooding in Nigeria, affecting 22 out of 36 states. At least 500 people died, 1,500 were injured, 1.4 million were displaced, 45,000 houses and 70,000 hectares of farmland were destroyed. CIAD supported two phases of material aid and assisted 800 families with food and household items. A last phase was conducted in 2024, reaching out over 5,000 more affected people in 5 regions of the country. The Conference in charge of this project has asked CIAD for help in completing the finishing work, in particular the roofing and wiring.

Our actions in 2024

DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL PROJECTS

SLOVAKIA

Daycare Centre Renovation

€ 25,000 (collaboration with SSVP Netherlands)
SSVP Slovakia: 23 Conferences and 128 members, 1068 people assisted yearly
Beneficiaries : 40 residents of the home

The Šurany Kopec Social Center belongs to SSVP. Since 2000, it has been providing accommodation and food for men from the streets, prisons, and inmates of orphanages, and since 2012, the service has expanded to include supported housing, which serves disabled people with a low pension. The existing buildings were designed for 20-25 men, but today more than 40 men live in the center.

The social centre supports clients to year-round accommodation, social counselling, general assistance, resocialization, health services and accompanying to the doctor, consulting services for solving common problems, spiritual development and cooperation with family members. It serves men who are homeless and willing to take care of farm animals (pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens) and grow vegetables. They use these vegetables and preserve the meat from their own animals for use in their own kitchen.

Facing the expansion of the project the SSVP has recently purchased a new building for the kitchen and canteen. SSVP Slovakia raised funds and benefited from the support of their twinning partner, SSVP Netherlands, but still needed support to cover the €40,000 total budget of the rehabilitation.

TURKEY

Retirement home support

€ 20,000
SSVP in Turkey : 5 Conferences and 20 members; 25 families assisted each year

The "Restoring Hope" project aims to help the Artigiana nursing home in Istanbul, a long-established Catholic institution in which the Turkish Conferences are very much involved and which Board members are Vincentians, regain its strength and stability following the challenges posed by the pandemic and the country's unfavorable economic situation. CIAD's support helped reach two fundamental objectives: renew the Home's kitchen to provide better service and improve food quality, while ensuring a more functional kitchen that complies with government regulations, and to mitigate the financial deficit caused by the significant rise in natural gas prices by covering one year of natural gas bills as an exceptional measure, but which also address the long-term energy cost challenges, by installing solar panels. This resulted in substantial energy and natural gas savings and in consistent hot water supply, ensuring the comfort and well-being of our elderly residents.

Our actions in 2024
Development & Social Projects

MEXICO
Casa Vicentina

€ 12,200

Partner : SSVP Phoenix (USA)

SSVP in Mexico: 33 Conferences, 255 members, 32,155 people assisted each year

For the past 10 years, the Society has been supporting the people of the very poor indigenous community of Loma Esmeralda in Tepoztlán. They bring monthly food parcels, carry out activities with the children and with the mothers, they have a Mobile Library, give talks on self-improvement, health and to help them to live a dignified life. they organise bazaars of second-hand clothes and give away a lot of clothes and household goods to the community. These activities take place in the street. Five years ago, St. Vincent de Paul Morelos bought a plot of land with a small wooden house with a bathroom, which has been used to house people in need and for vaccinations and medical consultations. As it was dilapidated and uninviting, it had to be dismantled to avoid risks and accidents. For this reason the SSVP Morelos has decided to make a multipurpose hall, *La Casa Vicentina* on this property, which is a good construction of brick, that is, something permanent and durable, "A Vincentian House" that will serve for all the activities that the Vincentians carry out in this community, including a classroom and a small bathroom.

NIGERIA
Home improvement

€ 5,976

A Central Council acquired a plot of land and started building a two-bedroom bungalow to assist and accommodate a physically challenged person who was homeless with a wife and three children. The person in question lost his sight many years ago and since lost all means of livelihood. The land, as well as the house, have been donated to the beneficiary and legally registered in his name.

SOUTH SUDAN
Polyvalent hall

€ 12,000 (ph. 2 of 3)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in South Sudan delivers a wide range of charity projects, supports the poor, street children and IDPs. The Society also runs several systemic change projects and capacity building programmes to drive the poor out of poverty.

The St Vincent Healthcare Centre provides affordable quality healthcare services to the local population and the Society has been requested to complement this and create some provision for the local youth: They have thus planned to build a community hall facility which would be available to the local community for youth development, initially but with an aim to expand for women, children, and disadvantaged groups. It hopes to provide counselling sessions and services (reproductive health, substance abuse and employment interventions), Youth developmental and professional (masonry and tailoring) trainings, a platform for sharing relevant modern and global issues to do with invention and innovation of new ideas, consultancy programs on different youth driven programs or the promotion and enhancement of youth activities towards their issues on decision making processes, all with the aim of building up leadership expertise among the youth of the community.

CIAD has committed to a total of € 38,000 to support the building of the Centre, which should be completed in early 2025 with the last instalment of the grant approved by CIAD.

LEBANON
Sanitation & Kitchenette for Polyvalent hall

€ 24,530

SSVP in Lebanon: 51 Conferences and 997 Members, supporting 5,734 families each year.

Until 1975, SSVP Lebanon had its headquarters and a great socio cultural centre in the centre of Beirut. The 1975 war ravaged and destroyed the entire city centre, and the socio-cultural centre, church, offices and school became piles of stone for many years. Back in 2009, young Vincentians cleared away the rubble from Saint Vincent de Paul Church and brought this place of Christian witness and mission back to life. This kickstarted the process of restoring SSVP's role in the heart of the capital Beirut as it was before 1975. During the visit of the 16e PGI to Lebanon in January 2020, they laid the foundation stone to start the restoration of the first Socio-Cultural and Spiritual Centre that the SSVP Lebanon had created right in the centre, in a multi-faith environment.

This centre is becoming a centre of social, cultural and spiritual influence, conducive to inter-community dialogue, which is the basis for lasting peace. It will once again become a centre for welcoming and listening, attentive to the needs of Lebanon and the people who live there. The purpose of this multi-purpose hall is to serve as a conference room, a starting point for interfaith meetings and gatherings of different communities, a space for dialogue, listening and social activities, for SSVP or for other NGOs. to organise interfaith meetings, press conferences, workshops and other events designed to strengthen links and solidarity between different communities.

While SSVP Lebanon has managed to deal with most of the works, they have solicited CIAD for the installation of sanitary facilities and a small kitchen in the Centre.

RUSSIA
Conference daily activities

€ 8,992

The only SSVP conference in Russia is in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia. Despite the war and the world situation, the members of the Conference continue to share their love and friendship around them. The CIAD supports their daily activities like Home visits to sedentary people and assistance with home care and personal hygiene, Catechising and offering snacks to children from the villages and from a home for disabled people, urgent social assistance for 10 families (Medication, - Linen set, sanitary...

SSVP 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 (SSVP Plus), and supporting the Society institutionally in countries where it is weak or has structural difficulties (SSVP Strengthening).

SUPPORTING ELECTIONS

In addition to these activities, CIAD also supported the organization of the elections of the National Presidents or helped the Society in covering legal costs for their recognition in Haiti, Vietnam and Paraguay.

CAPE VERDE
Strengthening of the Society

€ 5,000
SSVP in Cape Verde: 2 Conferences and 30 members supporting 150 people a year

There are two active Conferences in Cape Verde and the Society in the country is being revitalized since 2023. In order to strengthen the Vincentian mission and promote the Society in Cape Verde, the President of this Conference fostered a Vincentian Formation and Training (actually held in January 2025). Key topics covered included Vincentian spirituality, Conference management, leadership training, planning charitable activities, and good governance and financial management practices. The training was attended by various parishes of the country and the event concluded with commitments from participants to create new Vincentian Conferences and apply the knowledge gained.

This event represented an important milestone in the strengthening and expansion of the SSVP in Cape Verde. With the active participation of the parishes, it is hoped that the creation of new Conferences, the implementation of good management practices and the expansion of charitable activities will result in a significant increase in the SSVP's social impact, benefiting a greater number of people in vulnerable situations. In addition to the theoretical sessions, the event included group dynamics, moments of reflection and the celebration of a Eucharist, strengthening the spiritual union and commitment of the participants to the Vincentian mission.

CIAD's support is also aimed at helping the Society with administrative and legal costs for its registration in the country and installation of a Council when the situation arises.

SLOVAKIA/ CZECH REPUBLIC

Youth meeting

€ 8,222

SSVP in Slovakia: 16 Conferences and 86 members supporting 2,784 people throughout the year

SSVP in Czech Republic (restarting) : 2 Conferences

In the Czech Republic, the Conferences within the Society have been severely weakened, in particular due to the age of the members, to the point that, after surviving for some years as simple prayer groups, the Society had officially disappeared in the end of 2022. Thanks to the efforts of a former member of the CGI Board residing in Prague, with the inestimable support of the local Daughters of Charity as well as of the SSVP of neighbouring Slovak Republic, the Society was revived in the country resulting in two Youth Conferences!

In the same time, the Society in Slovakia, although very active and dynamic, was also suffering of the ageing membership. From there came out the idea to organize a common meeting with a double objective of forming the young new Vincentians of Czechia and to foster Vincentian youth development in Slovakia!

With the support of CIAD, this resulted in a fantastic 4 day gathering. From the outset, this encounter was a profound journey of grace for participants from diverse cultural backgrounds, including Czechia, Slovakia, the Philippines, Ukraine, and Malaysia. Participants, facilitators, and organizers engaged in moments of reflection, prayer, and communal living, reminiscent of the disciples ignited by Christ's presence,. The young attendees found God in one another and through their shared experiences of prayer.

MOZAMBIQUE

Headquarters, rehabilitation centre with a canteen and foodbank

Beneficiaries: SSVP National Council of Mozambique and 300 direct beneficiaries

SSVP in Mozambique: 43 Conferences and 905 members supporting 3,305 people each year

The headquarters of the Superior Council of Mozambique is located in one of the neighbourhoods of the city of Maputo, known as the "Vincentian neighbourhood" because it includes around 22 houses belonging to the Society, where families of the neediest people are sheltered, and where the SSVP are located.

The national headquarters are extremely important for the smooth running of the organization as, in addition to the normal role of a national office, they host various events and meetings to coordinate and plan activities. The building was in very bad condition, which affected the way the National Council functioned and the development of actions that have an immediate impact on the lives of those assisted. The Superior Council requested funds for its rehabilitation, and took advantage of the works to include a canteen and a food bank for the benefit of 300 people, mainly street children, elderly people and people suffering from drug addiction.

MYANMAR
Cyclone relief and reconstruction

€ 8,000
Beneficiaries - 40 families
SSVP in Myanmar : 243 Conferences and 3,200 members

Cyclone Mocha caused major damage in Myanmar in June 2023, in particular in the Yakhine state. Despite working in very difficult conditions due to the country's politics, the National Council of Myanmar has been able to coordinate a relief programme, with emergency help and a longer term vision. 40 families have been provided with rice seeds and fertilizers to be able to grow the winter crops for their consumption. The Society also purchased materials needed for building, rebuilding or repairing the houses of these families.

LEBANON 2023
Solar panels batteries for SSVP School

€ 12,560
Beneficiaries - 500 pupils

The problem of electricity has been lingering in Lebanon for years, causing many power cuts. The SSVP school, which has 500 students and 35 teachers, has been dependent on diesel generators for some years, but this solution is costly and contaminates the atmosphere. The generators were also nearing the end of their working lives. After appealing for funding from donors to provide solar power to its school, they finally managed to get 112 panels, but to fully benefit they needed batteries to store energy and then install them into the local electricity grid, providing them with a continuous source of electricity to operate.

Some past projects

FOLLOW UP OF PROJECTS

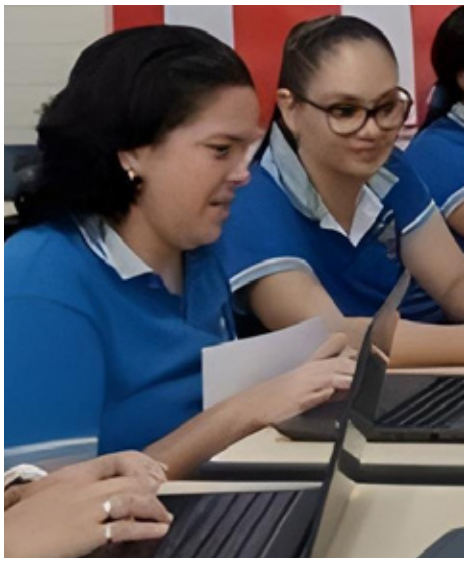
NORTHERN MACEDONIA 2023
Home building

€ 9,077
Beneficiaries - 1 family

SSVP Macedonia: 1 Conference and 10 members
Partner: FamVin FHA "13 Houses" Programme

Thanks to FamVin Homeless Alliance, the Conference has been able to build a house for a single widow mother of 2, whose house was in ruins. However, they needed support to pay the tax on the whole house and to complete small jobs inside the house, purchase sanitary ware for the toilet and tiles for the front entrance of the house.

Their new home consists of two children's rooms, a kitchen with a dining room and a living room and a toilet. It is built from an eco panel that has a high thermal efficiency. The mother works as a cleaner, grows tobacco in their field and sells it in order to provide enough to live on. Her children go to school and are good students and also go to dance. The family try their best and the joy in them is great to watch how their house is built and how God really works in their life.



COSTA RICA 2022
Education Project

€4,000

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.

KENYA 2023
Water project

20,000 € (€)
Beneficiaries - 500 households (est.)

SSVP in Kenya: 40 Conferences and 429 members

After a successful experience in another location in 2019, SSVP Kenya has submitted a project that is estimated will provide access to clean water for 500 households. It will consist of a bore hole with a water tower. The water is pumped out of the ground up the tower using pumps that are solar powered. Access to clean water improves the health outcomes of the people benefitting from the well and helps save on time that would otherwise be utilized in long queues and walks to the valleys far away.

BRAZIL 2019
Mobile Bathroom

€ 8,000

On the occasion of their weekly contact with homeless people, where they bring food, toiletries, clothesand blankets during the night, while also providing afraternal listening ear to these homeless people, theVincentians 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 more dignified conditions. Among these demands, the need fora place for a shower stood out markedly in the linesof men and women that were being assisted.

CIAD thus supported the purchase and adaptation ofa trailer, which will be able to move around the city to attend to the homeless, offering bathrooms for men and women. The project has gone from strength to strength, and there are now 9 of them across the country.

Our Global Network of Charity

REACHES OUT TO PEOPLE IN NEED

Our global network of charity reaches out to people in need, offering aid and hope to those facing hardship in many parts of the world.

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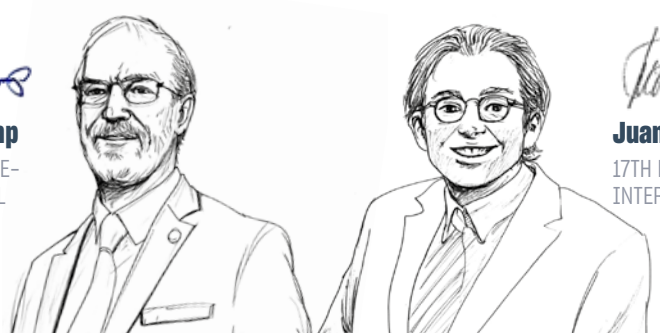
This report provides a glimpse into the vital work carried out by the members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, made possible through the support of our **Commission for International Aid and Development (CIAD).** Often working in challenging conditions with limited resources, dedicated Vincentians bring relief and compassion to those who need it most. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who make this work possible—both those serving on the ground and those whose financial generosity sustains these efforts.

The funding we provide comes from the kindness of our councils worldwide. Each project we support undergoes thorough evaluation at every stage, with careful oversight from our commission and valuable input from local leadership. This ensures that every donation is used wisely, making the greatest possible impact. We invite you to continue your generous support of CIAD, knowing that through your contributions, the love of God reaches those in need wherever our members are at work.

Our principal founder, **Blessed Frédéric Ozanam,** once wrote to a friend: *"Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future, because the number of its past works is still very small, and the present and future miseries that it must alleviate are infinite."* Inspired by his vision, we share this report not only to reflect on what has been accomplished but, more importantly, to encourage you to help us expand our efforts. The need is great, and together, we can bring God's care and compassion to a suffering world.

We humbly ask for your continued support—through your generosity, your commitment, and most of all, your prayers for those affected by disaster and for those who work tirelessly to serve them.

We serve in hope.



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«The hungry people have true friends; in them, they find not only tolerance but favor and respect»

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

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