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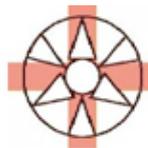
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Sofia's team during a short informal brainstorm.



Sofia's Advisory Board members at the Salvatorians' international headquarters.

Letter from the President

Dear Reader,

Many people connected with the Salvatorians or with SOFIA will receive and read this report. Perhaps you are one of our many supporters, or from one of the institutions, foundations or organizations from whom we have received grants for one of our projects. Perhaps you are an individual benefactor, well-wisher, or interested person, or indeed a Salvatorian Father or Brother, perhaps one of our project managers. Whoever you are, it is a privilege and honor to inform you about the important work the Society has done in recent years.



The projects fall into five main categories: **education, health, rural development, pastoral work** and **organizational development**. The Salvatorians and SOFIA have gained a lot of expertise and knowhow in all of them. Moreover, in line with Catholic social teaching and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, they are crucial for human development. Furthermore, the fifth category - organizational development - has become more and more important for all project partners involved as it attempts to enhance and guarantee capacities and skills essential for the management of the projects vis-à-vis meaningful and sustainable impact. Therefore, this fifth sector has become a further focus of our activities.

The recent years have not always been easy for SOFIA: grappling with the experience of rapid growth in some areas while at the same time having to find its place within the changing environment of Salvatorian governance. Moreover, we had to deal with a rapid turnover of staff. I would like to mention especially Dr. Arnout Mertens, SOFIA's co-founder and director from its beginning. He has moved on to a challenging new position at the JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service) and we wish to thank him for his extraordinary service to SOFIA and wish him well for the future. SOFIA is thus currently in a phase of reorganization and, as in all our endeavors, much appreciates the sustained and dedicated cooperation and support from all our stakeholders. I would also like to take this chance to thank our partners and staff invested in all aspects of fundraising and the project cycle for all their hard work.

Finally, let's remind ourselves that our work is not about projects, grants or paperwork as an end in themselves; it is about helping thousands and thousands of concrete individuals, like you and me, who are striving for a better and more dignified life for themselves and their children. It is for them that we exist and work as we follow our Savior's call to act on behalf of the weakest and poorest among us. SOFIA remains committed to this ideal and counts on your continued support and interest. Thank you!

Fr. Agustín Van Baelen, SDS
President

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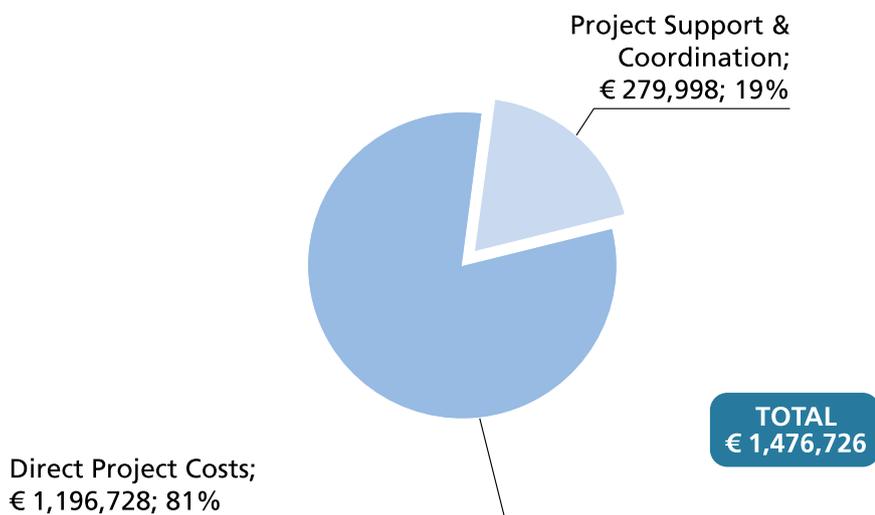
Allocation of Funds

i. Overview



In 2014, SOFIA received 1,606,885 €. While 92% of the funds (1,476,726 €) were used for projects, 8% (130,159 €) were allocated to fundraising, promotion and administration.

ii. Projects



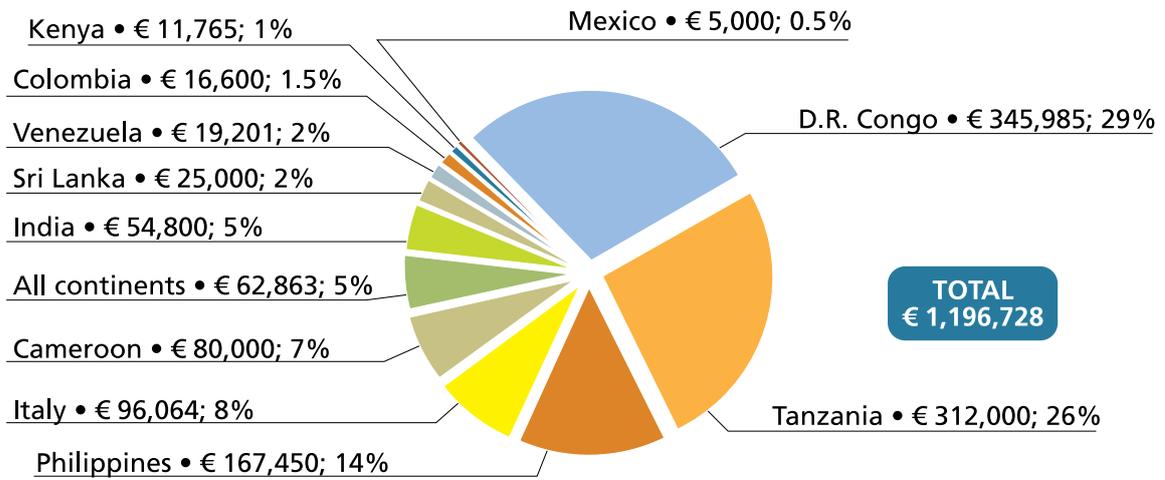
Out of the 1,476,726 € for projects, 81% (1,196,728 €) were grants and donations for direct project costs and went entirely to our projects in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The remaining 19% (279,998 €) allocated for project support and coordination all came from the Salvatorian Congregation (90,000 €) or from restricted gifts and grants designated for this purpose.

Project Grants Received

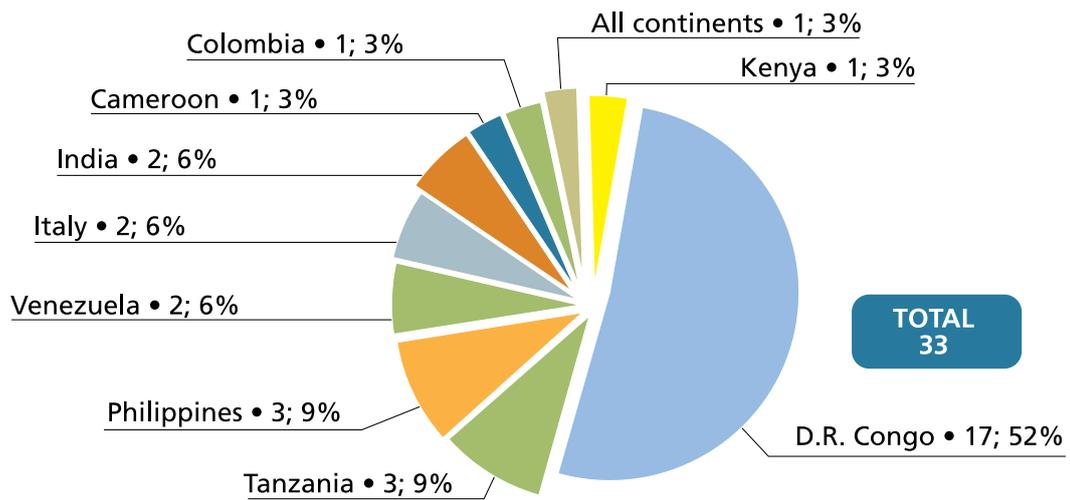
i. List of Projects

Not specific to one country	Amount
Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral and Social Work	€ 62,863
Scholarships for Salvatorian Formation	€ 17,668
Cameroon	
Ndikinimeki, Construction and Equipment of a Salvatorian Pre-Noviciate Study House	€ 80,000
Colombia	
Medellin, Women Empowerment in the Slums	€ 16,600
Democratic Republic of the Congo	
Kapanga, ELKAP - Rural Electrification of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita	€ 48,739
Kapanga and Kalamba, Acquisition of two Motorbikes for the Pères Routiers	€ 2,290
Kapanga, Chikamb, Construction of a Chapel	€ 4,440
Kapanga, Ntita, Acquisition of Books for Secondary School Ntita	€ 1,877
Kapanga, Ntita, Childbirth Sponsorships	€ 5,793
Kapanga, Ntita, Repair Works at Primary School Ntita	€ 8,000
Kolwezi, Manika, Scholarship Programme for Children	€ 300
Kolwezi, Musenoie, Construction of a Mother and Child Hospital	€ 8,800
Kolwezi, Tshabula, Acquisition of a Car for the Salvatorian Formation Community	€ 15,000
Lubumbashi, Construction of Health Facilities for Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients	€ 41,958
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Construction and Equipment of Primary School Wokovu - 1 st Phase	€ 16,783
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Construction and Equipment of Primary School Wokovu - 2 nd Phase	€ 46,467
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Needs Assessment Regarding Secondary Education	€ 5,370
Lubumbashi, Golf Maisha, Construction and Equipment of Primary School Mkombozi	€ 24,555
Lubumbashi, Kashamata, Construction and Equipment of Secondary School Fr. Jordan	€ 97,145
Sandoa, Solar Panels for the Salvatorian Community House	€ 6,000
India	
Laitkynsew, Construction of a School and Community Centre	€ 19,800
Salvatorian Formation	€ 35,000
Italy	
Rome, Salvatorian Capacity Building for Higher Impact Development Action	€ 75,000
Rome, Strategic Review of the Generalate	€ 21,064
Kenya	
Kajiado County, Evaluation and Needs Assessment of Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions	€ 11,765
Mexico	
Champlotón, Construction of Primary School Mendoza	€ 5,000
Philippines	
Manila, ALSA BUHAY – Alternative Learning in the Slums	€ 131,900
Manila, Scholarships for Children	€ 550
Salvatorian Formation	€ 35,000
Sri Lanka	
Chilaw, Sanitary Fittings for the Salvatorian Formation House	€ 25,000
Tanzania	
Morogoro, Construction, Equipment and Water Provision of the Salvatorian Formation House	€ 43,000
Morogoro, Jordan University College - Construction of Lecture Halls	€ 252,300
Namiungo, Construction of a Mother and Child Hospital	€ 11,500
Venezuela	
Caracas, Catia Slum, Construction of an Office Room at La Constancia School	€ 5,500
Caracas, Catia Slum, Support for Neglected Children	€ 13,701
TOTAL	€ 1,196,728

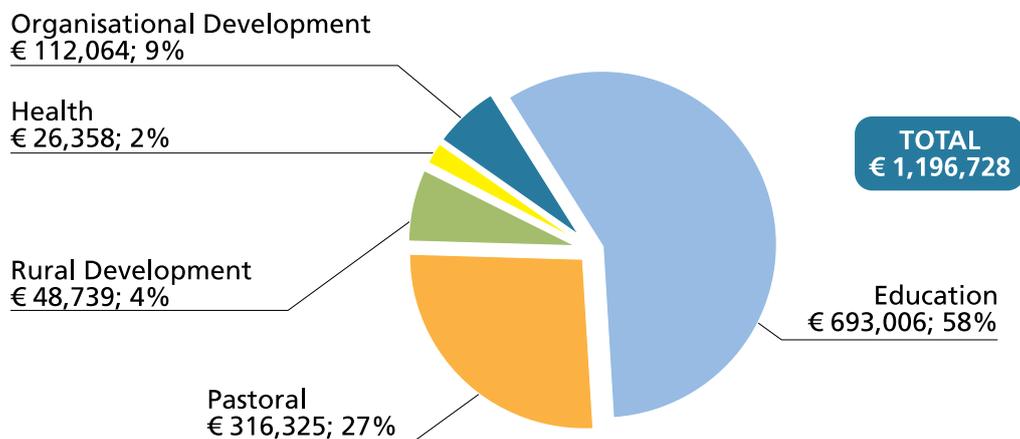
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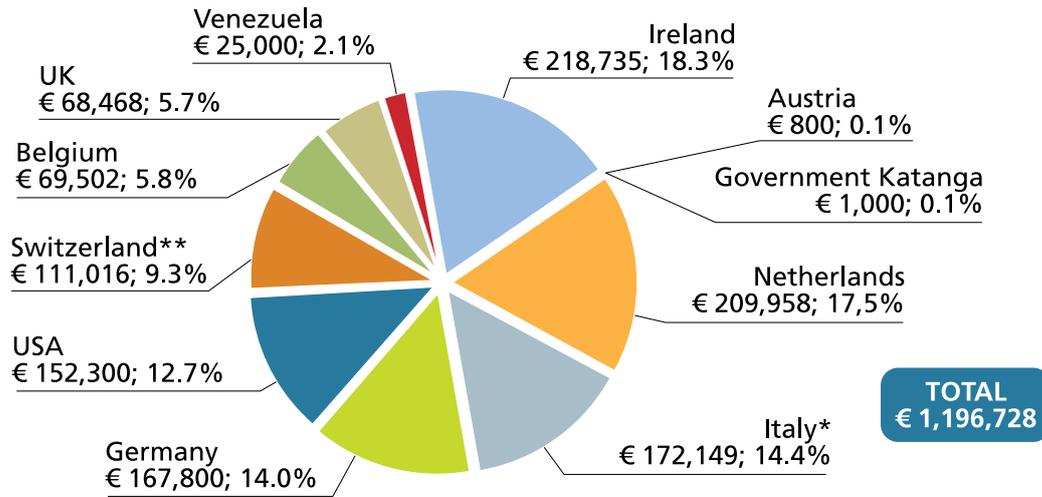
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iv. Type of Projects

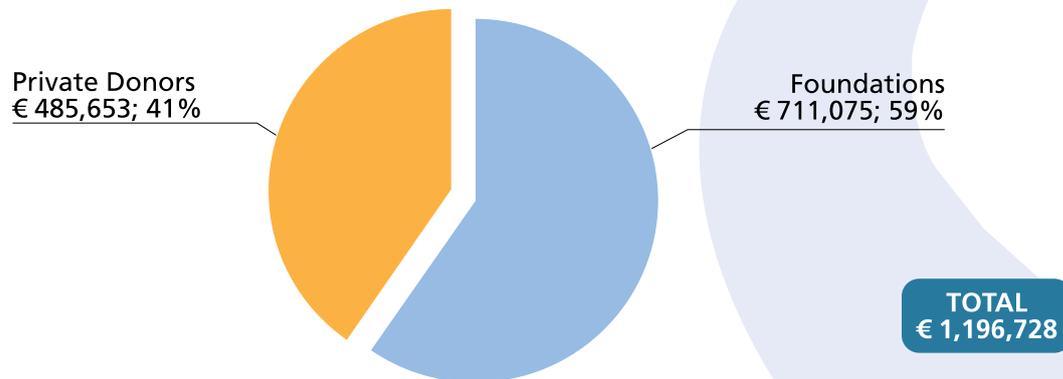


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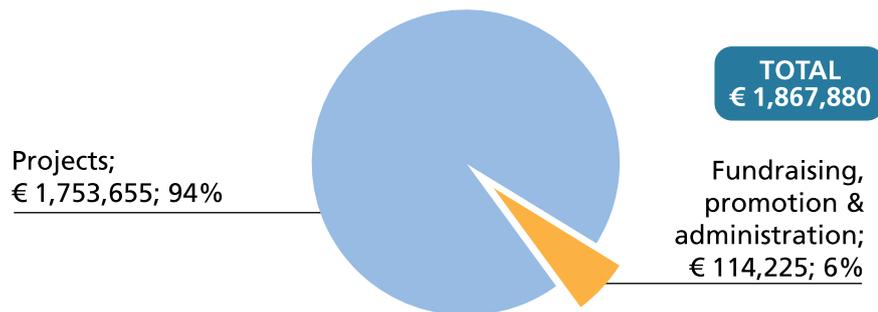
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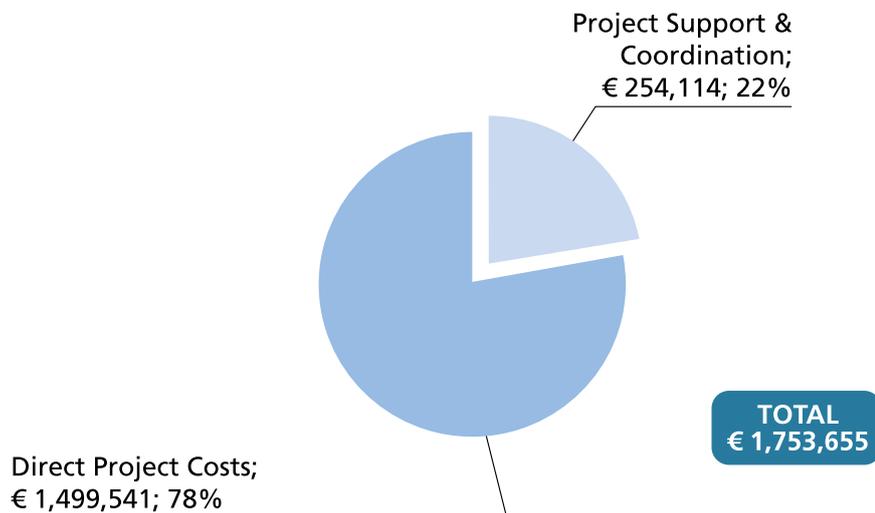
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i. Overview



In 2015, SOFIA received 1,867,880 €. While 94% of the funds (1,753,655 €) were used for projects, 6% (114,225 €) were allocated to fundraising, promotion and administration.

ii. Projects



Out of the 1,753,655 € for projects, 78% (1,499,541 €) were grants and donations for direct project costs and went entirely to our projects in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The remaining 22% (254,114 €) allocated for project support and coordination all came from the Salvatorian Congregation (90,000 €) or from restricted gifts and grants designated for this purpose.

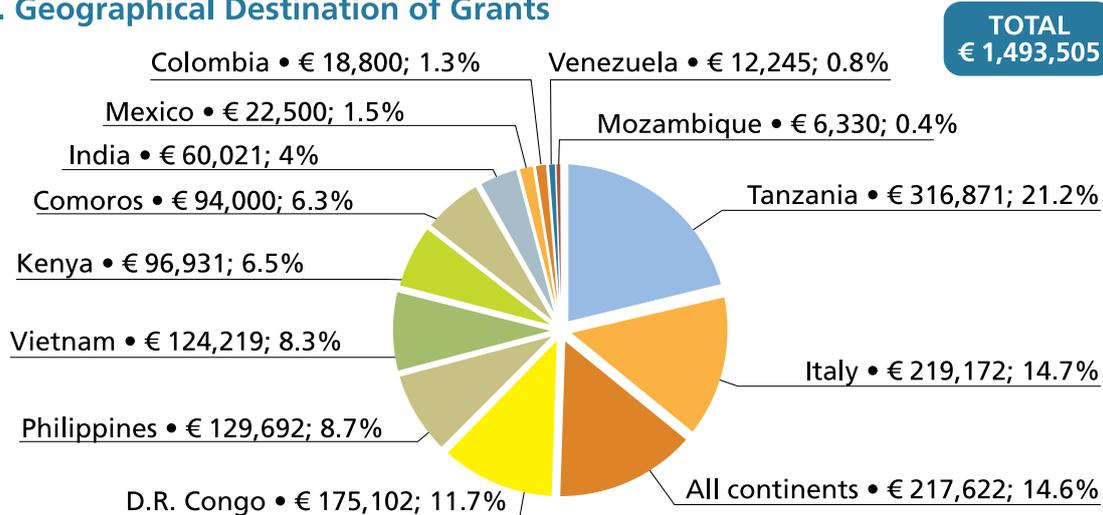
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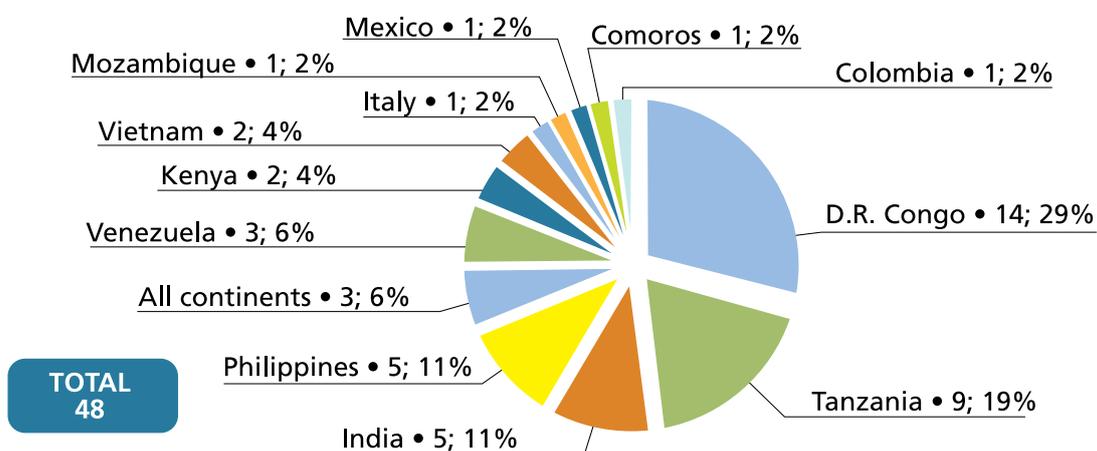
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Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral and Social Work	€ 43,722
Scholarships for Salvatorian Formation	€ 8,200
Fund for Training of Salvatorians Working in Education	€ 165,700
Colombia	
Support to Children Victims of Violence	€ 18,800
Comoros	
Moroni, Solar Panels for Health Centre	€ 94,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	
Kapanga, Ntita, Childbirth Sponsorships	€ 2,488
Kapanga, Ntita, Restoration of a Catechetical Centre and Formation Activities	€ 3,000
Kapanga, Ntita, Construction of a Library & Reading Room for the Institut Ntita	€ 18,000
Kasomeno, Establishment of a New Salvatorian Community in the Diocese of Kilwa-Kasenga	€ 5,000
Katanga, Elaboration and Launch of a Capacity-Building Scheme for the Salvatorian Congolese Province	€ 29,326
Kolwezi, Manika, Scholarship Programme for Children	€ 1,835
Kolwezi, Manika, Installation of a Solar Kit for the Salvatorian Community	€ 3,000
Kolwezi, Tshabula, Salvatorian Formation	€ 5,430
Lubumbashi, Refurbishment of the Provincialate's House	€ 5,000
Lubumbashi, Refurbishment of the Brothers' House	€ 2,000
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Needs Assessment Regarding Secondary Education	€ 400
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Scholarship Programme for Children attending the Primary School	€ 360
Lubumbashi, Kashamata, Water Well for Secondary School Père Jordan	€ 4,603
Lubumbashi, Kashamata, Construction and Equipment of the Secondary School for Electronics & Computer Sciences Père Jordan	€ 94,660
India	
Laitkynsew, Construction of a School and Community Centre	€ 6,843
Laitkynsew, Renovation of the Kitchen, Refectory and Hostel of the Divine Saviour School	€ 10,600
Ranchi, Completion of the Presbytery of the Bitha Parish	€ 30,000
Shillong, Refurbishment of the Salvatorian Formation House	€ 10,000
Guwahati, Support for Diocesan Schools	€ 2,578
Italy	
Rome, Organizational Development - Support Services of the Congregation	€ 248,498
Kenya	
Eldoret, Kipkaren, Start of a New Salvatorian Mission	€ 3,000
Kajiado County, Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions	€ 93,931
Mexico	
Chamotón, Needs Assessment and Environmental Impact of the Construction of Primary School Mendoza	€ 22,500
Mozambique	
Chókwe, Catechists Formation in the Parish Nossa Senhora da Conceição	€ 6,330
Philippines	
Manila, ALSA BUHAY – Alternative Learning in the Slums	€ 108,517
Manila, Evaluation of PUSO sa PUSO & ALSA BUHAY	€ 5,400
Manila, Scholarships for Children	€ 775
Manila, Parola Slum: Fire Emergency Response	€ 15,000

Tanzania	
Morogoro, Jordan University College - Construction of Lecture Halls	€ 120,000
Morogoro, Furniture for the Salvatorian Formation House	€ 25,000
Morogoro, Purchase of a Mini-bus for the Formation House	€ 12,500
Morogoro, Strategic Review of Jordan University College	€ 42,000
Morogoro, Child Protection Workshop at Jordan University College	€ 3,918
Morogoro, Scholarships for Sisters	€ 4,825
Morogoro, Academic and developmental programming	€ 41,034
Morogoro, Scholarships Jordan University College	€ 36,568
Namiungo, Ambulance Fund for the St. Joseph Dispensary	€ 1,700
Venezuela	
Caracas, Catia Slum, Support for Neglected Children	€ 505
Caracas, Catia Slum, Art Courses at La Constancia School	€ 7,240
San Felix, Vista del Sol Slum, Vehicle for Salvatorian Community	€ 4,500
Vietnam	
Ben Cat, Acquisition of Land for the New Salvatorian Mission	€ 124,219
TOTAL	€ 1,493,505

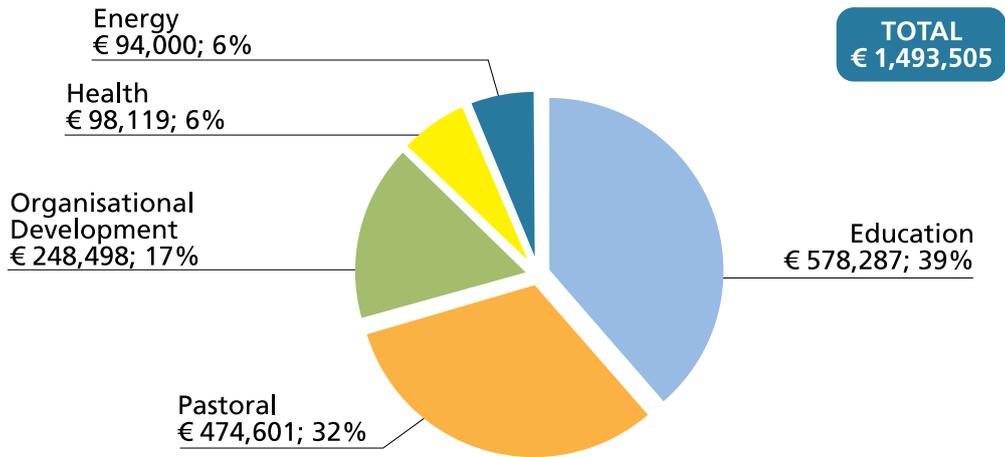
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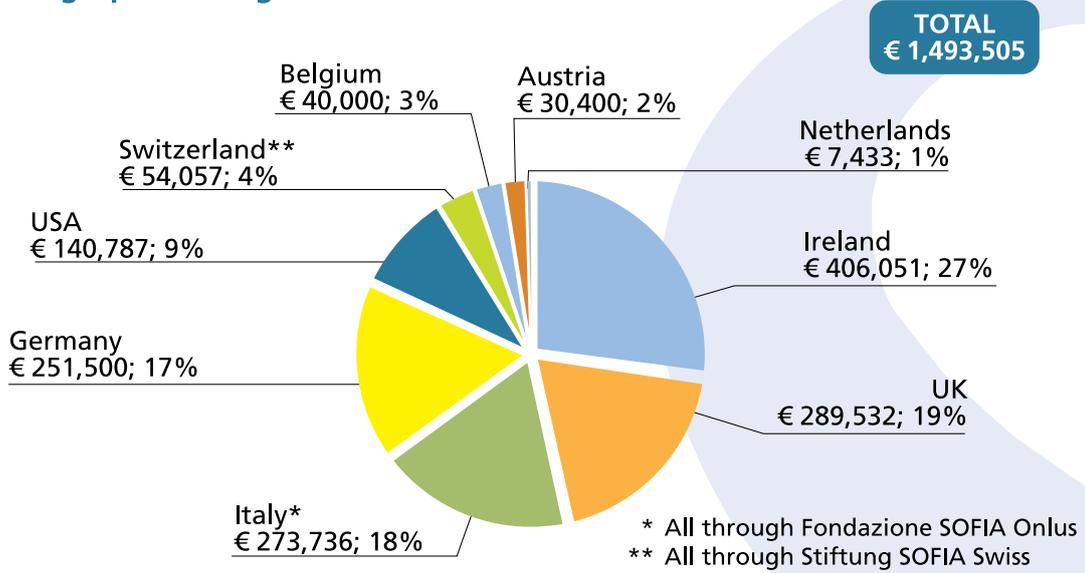
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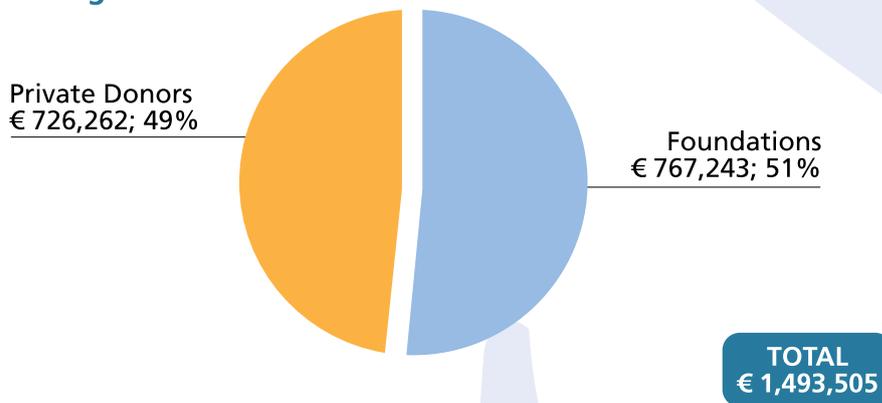
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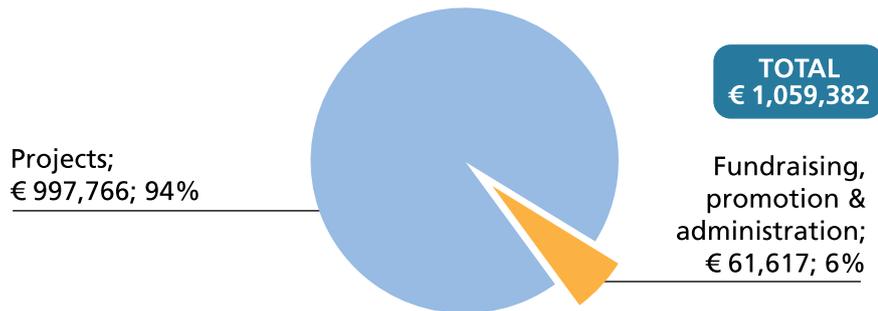
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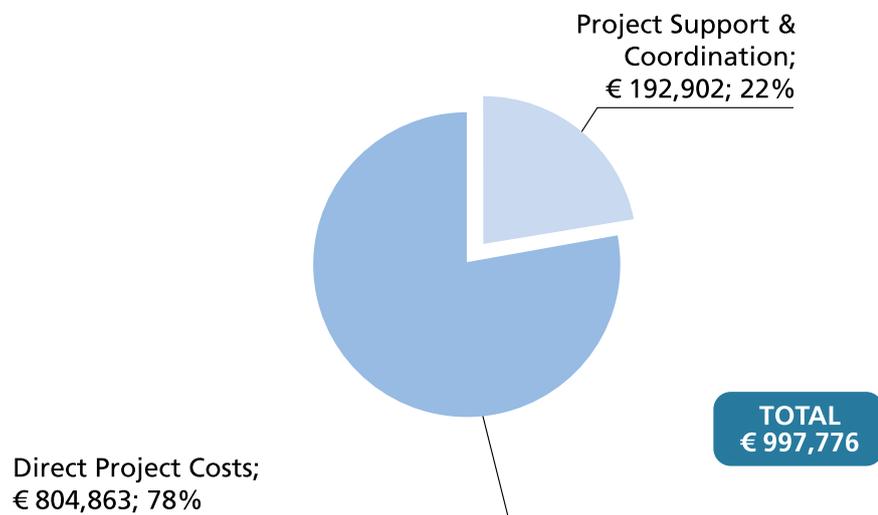
Allocation of Funds

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In 2016, SOFIA received 1,059,382 €. While 94% of the funds (997,766 €) were used for projects, 6% (61,617 €) were allocated to fundraising, promotion and administration.

ii. Projects



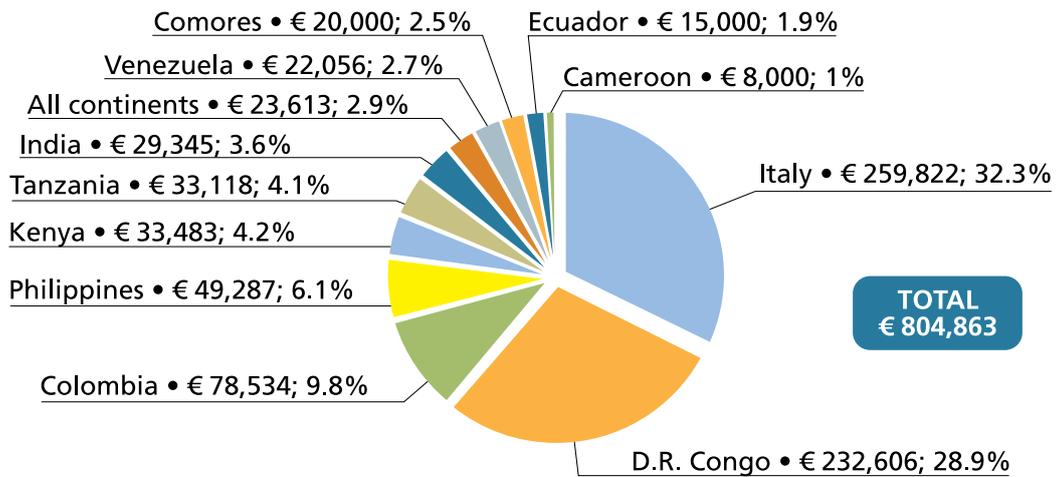
Out of the 997,766 € for projects, 78% (804,863 €) were grants and donations for direct project costs and went entirely to our projects in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. The remaining 22% (192,902 €) allocated for project support and coordination all came from the Salvatorian Congregation (90,000 €) or from restricted gifts and grants designated for this purpose.

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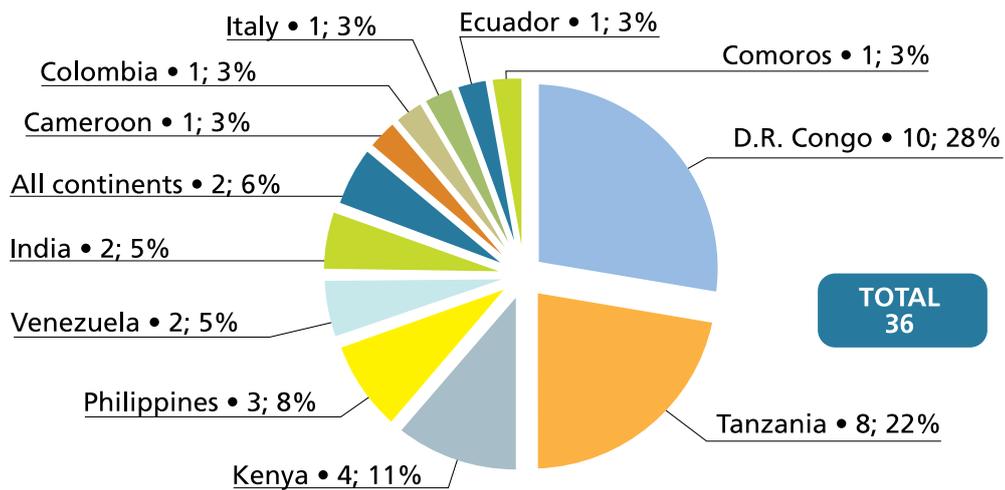
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Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral and Social Work	€ 20,000
Scholarships for Salvatorian Formation	€ 13,040
Budget Support for Salvatorian Missions	€ 3,613
Cameroon	
Ndikinimeki, Ntita, Equipment for Salvatorian Formation House	€ 8,000
Colombia	
Income Generation for Women	€ 78,534
Comoros	
Moroni, Solar Panels for Health Centre	€ 20,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	
Kapanga, Ntita, Childbirth Sponsorships	€ 710
Kapanga, Ntita, Capacity –Building for Rural Development. Reinforcement of the Community in Kapanga for ELKAP	€ 91,450
Katanga, Support for the Salvatorian Project Office	€ 2,000
Kolwezi, Manika, Scholarship Programme for Children	€ 2,180
Kolwezi, Tshabula, Bicycles for Salvatorian Students	€ 3,000
Lubumbashi, Golf Maisha, Expansion of Primary School	€ 3,285
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Creation of Wokovu Technical School Phase 1	€ 87,361
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Scholarship Programme for Children attending the Primary School	€ 360
Lubumbashi, Kashamata, Water Well for Secondary School Père Jordan	€ 5,000
Lubumbashi, Kashamata, Construction and Equipment of the Secondary School for Electronics & Computer Sciences Père Jordan	€ 37,260
Ecuador	
Manta, Emergency Support after Earthquake	€ 15,000
India	
Laitkynsew, Renovation of Kitchen, Refectory and Hostel of Divine Savior School	€ 8,168
Guwahati, Support for Diocesan Schools	€ 21,177
Italy	
Rome, Organizational Development - Support Services of the Congregation	€ 197,178
Kenya	
Eldoret, Kipkaren, Start-up of a New Salvatorian Mission	€ 2,000
Eldoret, Kipkaren, Construction of a Water Well	€ 9,548
Eldoret, Budget Support for the Mission	€ 21,435
Philippines	
Manila, ALSA BUHAY – Alternative Learning in the Slums	€ 3,259
Manila, Scholarships for Slum Children	€ 450
Manila, Creation of an English Language School	€ 45,578
Tanzania	
Kisiju, Preliminary Study of a Water Distribution Project	€ 13,526
Morogoro, Scholarships for Sisters	€ 1,862
Morogoro, Academic and developmental programming	€ 62,644
Morogoro, Scholarships Jordan University College	€ 1,000
Namiungo, Construction of Toilets for St. Joseph Health Centre	€ 4,190
Venezuela	
Caracas, Catia Slum, Support for Neglected Children	€ 1,936
Caracas, Catia Slum, Support for Salvatorian Shelter Homes	€ 20,120
TOTAL	€ 804,864

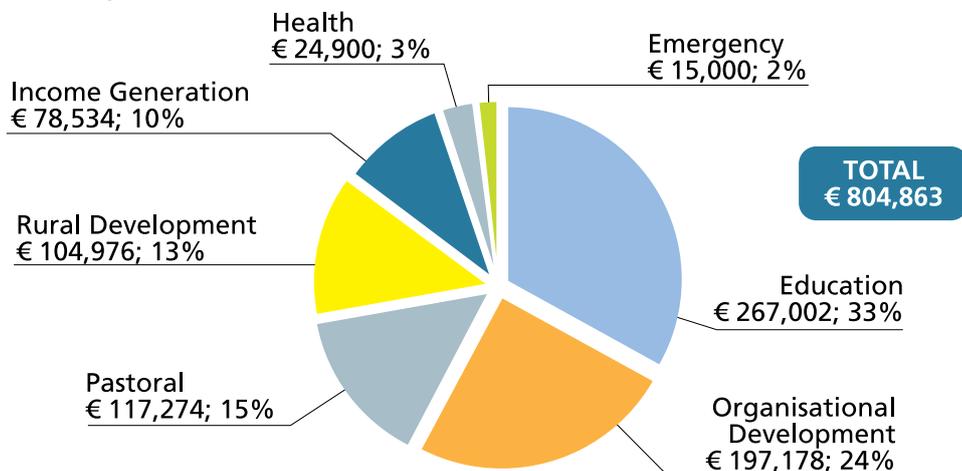
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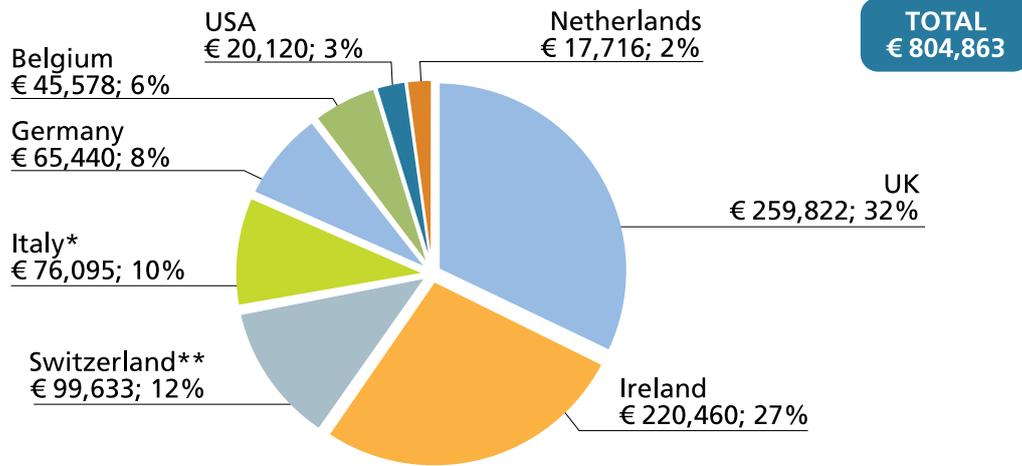
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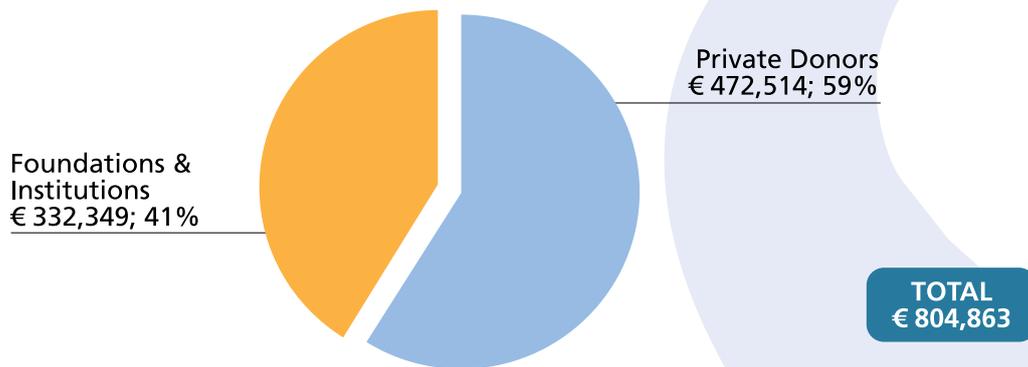


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vi. Type of Funding





Achievements

High Impact Projects throughout the World

SOFIA is inspired by Christian values. The core belief is that every person has the inalienable right to a well-being in all its aspects – material, intellectual, and spiritual. We are convinced that human progress is attainable through social transformation and structural intervention – carried out through local participation and local ownership.

SOFIA's counterparts in developing countries are the local Salvatorian communities. Most of the 1200 Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers live and work in some of the most neglected parts of the world. Their presence amongst the poor is tied to a strong commitment to social justice. Inspired by Catholic social teaching, they work towards human salvation and the attainment of fundamental rights, regardless of gender, race, religion, social background or political conviction.

The Salvatorians believe in the universality of the Christian vocation. Their overreaching goal is to teach the truth of the Gospel, always and everywhere and by all available ways and means. Education, in both formal and non-formal ways, is the congregation's bedrock as reflected in a range of Salvatorian educational programs and institutions, spanning from nurseries to a university.

SOFIA's operational activities include the development, coordination and fundraising for about 35 development projects per year (budget per project spans from 5,000 to over 1 million Euro). Projects cover the fields of education, health, rural development, pastoral care and organizational development. SOFIA's efforts have been especially fruitful in the education sector with around half of the funds raised going into educational projects.

Please find examples of SOFIA's and the Salvatorians' impact in a presentation of selected projects in the following pages.

Education

Education is a sector that is especially important to the Salvatorians and SOFIA - both by tradition and conviction. Education, in the Salvatorian sense, is deemed crucial for a self-reliant, dignified future. Activities in this regard comprise schooling at all academic levels, vocational/professional training aimed at enabling a decent livelihood, as well as spiritual and life-skills development. The overall amount granted in this sector in the period 2014-2016 is € 1,538,295. This has ensured the realization of various important projects, particularly in the marginalized areas of the world where the Salvatorians operate. For instance, the construction of a primary school in Champotón (Mexico), the organization of art courses for children and teenagers in one of the biggest slums of Caracas (Venezuela), a holistic program of psychosocial support for children surrounded by violence in Medellín (Colombia) and many others.



International volunteers helped one of our youngest learners to become fit for regular schooling.

● Literacy and Life Skills for Slum Dwellers: Puso sa Puso in Manila/Philippines

In Metro Manila (the most populous metropolitan area in the Philippines) the poorest live in slums. They account for some 2.5 million men, women and children living in the most depressed areas of the country's prime conurbation. These slum communities live on vacant land, owned both privately and by the government. Most of the people live along rivers and creeks, on garbage dumps, along railroad tracks, under bridges, beside factories and other industrial sites. In the slums of Parola and Payatas many children drop out of school, or do not even enroll, as they have to spend their time trying to contribute to the family income.



Parola slum: the waterfront with the dumpsite, home and workplace for thousands of people.

The Alternative Learning System

To tackle the big issue of futureless school dropouts, in 1999 the Philippine government launched the Alternative Learning System Program (ALSP). The program allows pupils to complete the equivalent of a whole primary or secondary study cycle within a defined time frame. It is carried out in a self-paced, non-structured way and allows for the pupils' need to engage in economic activities - the single major cause for the children to abort their formal education. Nonetheless, for many slum families the requested fees are too high. For this reason, the Salvatorians set up a local NGO in 2010, **Puso sa Puso**, to run their own alternative learning program: **Alsa Buhay**. Since then, they have prepared around 600 children under 6 years for school and over 1,200 learners for the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Examination and beyond, and have provided over 600 families with spiritual and life skills as well as basic food in the slums of Parola and Payatas.

Parola & Payatas

Parola is one of the largest slums in the Philippines with an area of 205,800 m². Currently, its estimated population exceeds 60,000 people, 50% of which are children, making Parola one of the most densely populated slum areas of the world. Parola lacks the primary facilities that a large community should have. There is no health center; only around 50% of the households have electricity and only 40% have access to water. The location on the waterfront makes Parola particularly vulnerable to floods and hurricanes. People scratch out a living as rickshaw drivers, home helpers, laundry washers, garbage collectors, or by running small kiosks. Even peeling off garlic skin is a popular way of earning money.

Payatas is one of the biggest dumpsites in the 2nd district of Quezon City, Metro Manila. In 2010, it had 119,053 inhabitants. The majority of the residents fall under the poverty level. The community is composed mainly of people who come from calamity-stricken conflict zones in the Philippines. There is a lack of educational opportunities for young people. Just as in Parola, there is a low rate of children attending or finishing school among the poor of Payatas: school age population (7-12 years old) is estimated to be 32%. Children and youths spend their day on the street collecting recyclable materials. Entire families spend 12-16 hours per day rummaging through garbage, sorting and selling what they can. About 50% of the children are suffering from first to third degree malnutrition.



Staple for education: distribution of rice for constant learners and their families.

Project Facts

Major outputs for academic year 2014-2016

- 774 students enrolled
- 407 children aged 3-6 receive pre-school
- 77 learners took the A&E Exam in 2014
- 77 learners took the A&E Exam in 2015
- 33 learners successfully passed the A&E Exam in 2014
- 67 learners successfully passed the A&E Exam in 2015 (eventually taken in April 2016) - this was an exceptionally high pass rate of 88% against the national pass rate of 56%

Granted in 2014-2016: € 249,076

Thanks to the donors' support and based on lessons learned over the last years, the project includes the following programs:

ALSA BUHAY Learners' Formation – the “core” of the project: primary and secondary education for school dropouts. Through mentoring, individual coaching and customized learning, the education is tailored towards the individual needs of the students.

Early Childhood Care and Development Program for children under 6 years: International and Salvatorian volunteers teach small children basic skills in a playful way, helping them to prepare for elementary school. They thus provide young children with special tutoring in order to reduce their probability to drop out of school in later years.

Life Skills Training Program for ALSA BUHAY Learners: consists of a wide range of training, educational and awareness-raising activities that boost self-confidence, positive values, motivation and perspective, risks of early pregnancy, drug (ab) use. In short, it sets children and youths on track towards a dignified social and family life.

Family Advocacy Service Program for Parents of ALSA BUHAY Learners: The parents of the learners have been involved in the project right from the beginning by instructing them about the importance of education and the positive socio-economic impact the ALS learning process will have on their (and their children's) lives.

Awareness-raising trainings for parents and guardians of the learners with respect to the roles and responsibilities of parenthood, about child protection and the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC), domestic violence and gender equity.

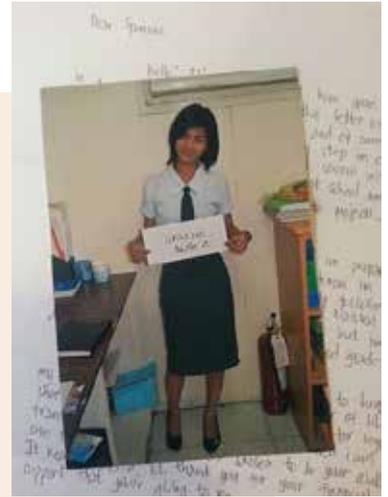
Vocational Training Program – “From Enrolment to Employment” is the specific objective of this program. It helps the candidates and their parents, while waiting for their exam results, to create small-scale income generating opportunities as professional alternatives to dumpsite scavenging.

Feeding Program Rice for School – 20kg of rice per month are offered to those learners, who regularly participate at the lessons.

Janelle regularly sends thank you letters to her Italian sponsors and gives them updates about her progress.

Janelle's Story

Janelle is 25 years old and lives in the Parola slum in Manila. She is mother of a five-year-old girl. As a young mom, she is often discriminated by people who judge others easily without even knowing her story. Janelle wants to go to college not just for herself, but also for her daughter's future. She believes that through education, she can rebut prejudice and someday have a successful career.



When Janelle was in the fourth year of high school, her father was diagnosed with tuberculosis. Thus, he had to stop working on account of his bad health. Her mother, in consequence, decided to work to provide at least some income. At that time, Janelle decided to stop schooling and look for a job as well, to help her family. At first her father disagreed, because she was expected to graduate that very year. However, at the end of the day he had no choice but to respect her decision: it became clear that without her contribution the family would not be able to afford his medicine. Luckily, a friend offered Janelle a job as a saleslady. Although her salary was low, it made up an important part of her family's income.

Having been working there for a year and a half, another friend asked her if she was interested to study again. Of course she was! She asked for more details and the friend accompanied her to an ALSA BUHAY learning center run by Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc., the Filipino organization set up in Manila by the Salvatorians of the East Asia Vicariate. Janelle enrolled in the secondary school program and studied there from June throughout November 2013. She appreciated the pleasant and peaceful environment in the learning center and was very happy with the friendly, patient and professional teachers: "They always gave their best to teach us even though sometimes we were stubborn and naughty.... I'm so grateful to them because they worked very hard to teach and review us. I've learned so many things from them and I really love them so much."

After five months of studying there, Janelle and her mates spent two weeks preparing themselves for the upcoming A&E Exam, the so-called public Accreditation and Equivalency Examination. She studied hard, and focused in particular on mathematics. Now, math is her favorite subject! She had to wait three months for the results: she passed!

Janelle's education does not stop here. SOFIA managed to organize an individual sponsorship for her so that she could go to college, the next step towards the realization of her dream: "I am so blessed and thankful that a sponsor supports me through college. I promise that I will do everything not to disappoint my sponsor and I will never waste the time and money that he is going to spend for my studies."

● Self-Reliance and Dignity for Women in Medellín/Colombia

In the slum districts of Medellín, people have to cope with a wide range of difficulties pertaining to human rights, which, in turn, are all related to underlying economic issues. The neediest are women, especially single mothers with young children. They experience a number of gender-related problems that hamper their human development: lack of basic education, poor health, discrimination and subordination resulting in neglect from their partner and in domestic violence, forced displacement, lack of respect by the community – all of which are factors that impact negatively on the women's self-esteem.

An NGO called Fundación Opción Futuro, founded in 2007 by lay Salvatorians in Medellín, committed to address these problems, empowering local women by means of income-generating activities. The project targets young displaced single mothers who have come from the countryside to the urban slums in Medellín. Many of them flee from extreme domestic and community violence. As part of the project, they are trained in the production and sale of handicrafts - mainly costume jewelry and patchwork items - and acquire essential business skills for their economic advancement. Furthermore, they are supported in their personal development by solidarity groups and are empowered through the creation and management of a **Social Cooperative "Solidarité"**, which carries out the merchandising of their products.

Medellín fact check

- Medellín is the second-largest city of Colombia.
- 30% of its almost 3 million inhabitants have to make ends meet with a minimum basic salary of € 220 per month.



Slum dwellings in Medellín.

- 30% are trying to get along in the informal economy, with a monthly income between € 100 and € 130 and without any social security.
- 10% of Medellín's population lives in slums, in the poorest districts of the city where the dwellings are shabby, steady work is lacking and infrastructure basic.
- Even though schools, water, electricity, roads and public transport exist in these destitute areas, the mix of people originating from various places (old inhabitants and new settlers from the countryside) is cause to permanent conflict, at times amounting to violent social outbursts.
- Medellín is one of the Colombian cities with the highest level of inequality, as well as that of domestic and community violence.
- In all of the poor suburbs of Medellín, unofficial landlords fight each other to stake their claim over the territory.
- Teenagers in the poorest suburbs are highly at risk to be drawn into criminal gangs, drug cartels or criminal political groups.
- Hundreds of people displaced by force or for economic reasons arrive every day in the city, mainly women with small children.

Project Facts

Output:

- Successful set-up of women's cooperative with currently 12 leaders
- Training in handicraft production: 48 sessions (3 hours per week for 12 months)
- B&A Courses: 24 (3 hours every two weeks for 12 months)

Beneficiaries (by end of 2016):

- Women trained: 60
- Family members benefitting: 300
- Women producing high quality items (commercial level): 20
- Monthly income / economic turnover of the 20 producers about 30,000 - 200,000 Pesos depending on experience

Total Project Cost of the Pilot Project: € 21,200

A follow-up and Expansion Project was approved in 2016 with the following planned outputs:

- Creation of 3 additional groups of 20 women each in other suburban barrios
- Another 60 women (for a total of 120) trained and supported
- Realization of 4 products catalogues in the 12-month period
- The social cooperative Solidarité increases its members with additional mother-leaders

Granted in 2014-2016: € 95,134

This project is a joint initiative of the three Salvatorian branches: SDS - Fathers & Brothers, Sisters and Lay.

● Teachers and Leaders for East Africa: JUCO University in Morogoro/Tanzania

In line with Matt. 28:19, (“Go ye therefore and teach all nations”), education is the Salvatorians’ bedrock as reflected in the range of their educational institutions - spanning from nurseries, primary and secondary schools, all the way to Jordan University College (JUCO). The university college is located in Morogoro, central Tanzania. In 1991, JUCO began as a major seminary for religious students. In 2010, it changed into a university college by welcoming lay students and expanding its faculties. JUCO has rapidly become the central hub for teacher training, the humanities, and social studies in the region, boasting almost 3,500 students and staff. The university is especially strong in education with more than half of its students being trained to become the future teachers of Tanzania, and thus create better chances for the following generations. JUCO’s vision is one of being efficient, transparent and academically excellent whilst instilling Christian virtues and integrity in its students as well as contributing to a research-active scientific community in Tanzania. It is with such a holistic approach that the Salvatorians hope to empower the young generations of Tanzanians into becoming drivers of socio-economic transformation.

Not only is JUCO an important employer in the region, faculty and students reach out to the surrounding community in various ways: by offering catechetical instruction on Saturdays, by offering the health services of the institution’s dispensary to the local population, by giving the community access to its clean water, by propagating children’s rights and organising a series of community workshops on the theme of child abuse, and by offering computer courses to the public of Morogoro.

SOFIA supports JUCO in fundraising, strategic planning, management, organisational development and internationalization.



JUCO is forming the future leadership of the country.

Great efforts are being put into creating possibilities for the advancement of staff and students by international academic networking and exchange. These include:

- Hoisting JUCO into the 21st century in terms of ICT (cooperation with Italian Bishops Conference and their funding program);
- 6 full MA scholarships incl. six months of study in Germany (German Academic Exchange Service DAAD and University of Münster's Education Faculty);
- Theology Degree (Pontifical University Urbaniana in Rom);
- Partnership and Mentorship Scheme in Development – Internships (University of Leiden, Netherlands);
- Partnership in the Applied Sciences (University of Heilbronn in Germany)
- Teaching Skills (University of Louvain, Belgium);

The following programs are in the planning stage:

- Establishment of an “On Campus One-Stop-Centre for the Protection and Safeguarding of Children” (Psychology/Counselling and Law Department);
- Safeguarding Course for every Graduate from JUCO (in cooperation with the Psychology/Counselling and Law Department and a Dutch private Foundation).
- US Fulbright Specialist Program with Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee WI and St Louis University, MO for science teaching

Project Facts

New Campus Facilities:

- Lecture rooms: 5
- Library: nearly 60,000 volumes

Curricula:

- B.A. Courses: 11
- M.A. Courses: 4
- Certificate & Diploma Programs: 21
- Teaching Staff: 73 permanent; 40 part-time

Beneficiaries:

- During the entire period 2014-2016 the overall number of students was around 3,500 with females constituting 40% of the student body
- 2014: 1,015 graduates, 41% female
- 2015: 1,262 graduates, 43% female
- 2016: 1,200 graduates, 44.5 % female

Ongoing Projects:

- Lecture Hall Building: € 1,600,000
- Independent Strategic Review & Implementation

Health

Health is everything! Health is a prerequisite for leading a meaningful life, of providing for one's family, of indulging in spirituality. Moreover, at an even earlier point: health is a precondition of being born and advancing toward adulthood in a wholesome way. In consequence, a sufficient provision of health services is key. The reality, however, is that health services are poor or even lacking in many parts of the world. The Salvatorians and SOFIA focus many of their efforts on sustainable health projects, and do so in an environmentally friendly way, as for instance "Power Health" - the provision of a photovoltaic system to guarantee reliable and green energy for a health center on the Comoros Islands. Given the relevance of this sector, the Salvatorians even support projects of other missionaries, such as a community-based project in Kajiado County (Kenya) to fight HIV/AIDS managed by the local Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries.

In total, from 2014 to 2016, € 149,377 has been granted and invested in Salvatorian health projects.



Every day and around the clock, the Maternity Ward cares for up to 100 women and children.

● Better Health for Better Life: Mother & Child Care in Namiungo/Tanzania

As a consequence of low socio-economic development, Tanzania is challenged by major health problems. There is a high risk of major infectious diseases, such as food or waterborne diseases (e.g. bacterial diarrhea, hepatitis A, and typhoid fever), vector borne diseases (e.g. malaria and plague), water contact diseases (e.g. schistosomiasis) and animal contact diseases (e.g. rabies).

Above all, infant and maternal mortality rates remain persistently high: out of every 100,000 live births, 454 women die in labor or due to complications related to childbirth. Also, the mortality rate among newborn babies remains high at 51 deaths per 1000 live births. Against this backdrop, the Salvatorians in Tanzania developed a mother-and-child health project to address the major health deficiencies in the rural target region of Namiungo:

- high level of maternal and newborn deaths
- limited access to reproductive health care
- insufficient number of skilled health workers
- poor infrastructure and quality of health-care services
- limited community awareness and involvement regarding public health issues.

With the construction of the Mother-and-Child Hospital to complement the existing dispensary in Namiungo, the Salvatorians have contributed to the improvement of the local population's health status. The specific objectives of this project are to reduce the incidence of infant and maternal mortality and morbidity in the Namiungo area and to tackle the most common diseases, such as malaria and HIV/AIDS.



The nurse, Ms. Elizabeth Ntazama, administering vaccinations to a newborn.

The project consisted of:

- the establishment of a Mother & Child Hospital with dedicated staff, equipment and supplies for prenatal, delivery and post-natal services;
- technical improvement of the facilities through the purchase of modern technical equipment and supplies for the present dispensary, and better organisation of the logistics, spaces, and services.

The improved care for emergency patients (women with delivery complications and other critically ill paediatric and adult patients) means that there are specialised structures in place. This includes the purchase of an ambulance, the employment of a driver, and the provision of bicycles for the Community Health Workers in the villages. As a result, the present health structure has a greater capacity in the management of the most common diseases and in the referral of emergency patients.

Thanks to the new facilities, the availability, accessibility and quality of specific health-care services have significantly increased in the town and villages of the catchment area.

Project Facts

- Output:
 - Construction and Equipment of a Mother & Child Health Centre
 - Trainings for Community Health Workers and Traditional Birth Attendants
 - Medical Care and Awareness
- Services provided:
 - The number of pregnant women attending clinical visits increased from 294 in 2012 to 357 in 2014 (21.4%). From January to October 2015, 161 women delivered in the clinic. A skilled attendant is always present during the delivery, i.e. in 100% of the cases, compared with the regional average of 49%.
 - High increase in child vaccinations:
 - 2012: 2,441
 - 2014: 3,703
 - 2015: 4,064
 - 2016: 3,899
 - High number of paediatric medical examinations, in total over 6,000 examinations of under 5 year-olds each year.
 - Malaria treatment:

	under 5 years	over 5 years of age
- 2014:	942	999
- 2015:	768	937
- 2016:	1,073	1,207
- Construction Period: August 2013 – April 2014
- Total Project Cost: € 192,014
- Granted in 2014-2016: € 11,500

Rural Development

Humanity – particularly in poor countries – is more and more deserting the countryside and migrating to urban regions and unlivable megacities. For those remaining behind, and to restrain the exodus, the Salvatorians and SOFIA are engaged in projects aimed at the enhancement of life in rural areas. What is usually lacking there are income opportunities, but also infrastructure, in particular access to reliable, affordable and sustainable power supply. Given the importance of electricity for hospitals (refrigerators for medicine, night-time emergency operations...), education (homework after sunset...) and modern communication, local Salvatorians are planning and implementing ever more developmental projects of this kind: in the period 2014-2016 they received € 285,015 in grants for these. In the process, much importance is given to the “green” element, keeping in line with local and national policies on environmental conservation. This is the case for a biogas plant at a Salvatorian formation house in Namiungo (Tanzania) and for the major ELKAP project described below.



The dam built for the ELKAP project, where the penstocks provide water to the turbine station.

● ELKAP – Green Energy for 50,000 People in Rural Kapanga/D.R. Congo

ELKAP – ELectricity for KAPanga is about providing the Kapanga Territory (in Katanga) with green energy.

Resorting to natural resources, i.e. the Rushish waterfalls 12 km away from Musumba, the Salvatorians built a hydro-energy power plant with a capacity of 200 kW and a distribution network of 20 km. Through these efforts, 400 social and commercial entities have been connected to the grid, among them schools, clinics, the municipality, small businesses and private households. Thanks to ELKAP, a population of 50,000 beneficiaries who previously had no access to any form of regular energy supply can now avail of stable and reliable electrical power, generated by renewable resources.



Rural life in Kapanga.

Kapanga in Katanga

Kapanga is a rural territory (district) in the woodland savannahs in the northwest corner of the Katanga province. It has a young and growing population of 120,000 inhabitants, 95% of which are ethnic Lunda. The area covers 24,700 km².

Musumba is the capital of the Lunda Empire, Kapanga is the political and administrative center of the territory. Because of its geographical position in the south-west of Congo, far from any major city, the territory of Kapanga is isolated and impoverished. It is very inaccessible owing to the heavy deterioration of the roads and there is no bridge over the river Lulua. In addition, the closest railroad system is 365 km away.

Over 90% of the population lives off small-scale farming and fishing. Given the distances and road conditions, there is very little export. The estimated average GDP per capita is between 1 and 2 USD per day, which is below the poverty line.

Project Facts

- Output:
 - Construction and operation of a 200 kW hydro-energy station and off-grid distribution network
 - Concrete dam of 400 m³ of capacity has been created
 - Penstock of 415 m of two steel pipelines of DN500
 - Medium voltage network of 27km
 - 13 transformation rooms
 - 400 connections to the grid
 - Information and awareness-raising for beneficiaries
 - Creation of a management entity
- Beneficiaries: 50,000
- Total Project Cost: € 1,437,463.44
- Granted in 2014-2016: € 140,189

ELKAP has been realized in partnership with the European Commission

Sustainability of ELKAP in different Sectors:

Socio-economic

- Equal access to affordable and sustainable energy supply for all social classes
- Enhancement of sustainable and inclusive economic growth

Technical

- Efficient and reliable modern power production
- Efficient maintenance through qualified local and trained staff

Financial

- Managing agency ELKAP ASBL ensures viability of the investment
- Income generation by new commercial activities

Administrative

- Involvement of the local population in decision-making and implementation
- Local ownership

Political

- Consistent with national and international policies and development goals
- Cooperation of various administrative, political and civil stakeholders

Environmental

- Reduced consumption of fossil combustibles
- Power generation of renewable energy

Impact

- Access to electricity means that hospitals and dispensaries can carry out their health services in an orderly and professional manner, incl. proper storage of pharmaceuticals. As public health in the territory develops, maternal and infant mortality decreases.
- The availability of electricity in schools strengthens education by enabling the use of machinery and computers. Improved and additional school programs positively influence children's development and contributes towards reducing illiteracy.
- The construction, maintenance, and management of the plant and grid provides additional income opportunities to the local population.
- Women and men benefit from the possibility of setting up small businesses.
- The local population also benefits from the energy supply as end users of information and communication technology. Closing the ICT gap is indispensable for improved education and recreation, and essential for the democratization of societies, active citizenship, and good governance.
- ELKAP has a positive impact on local administration. It improves the work environment and thus facilitates the active participation of citizens, strengthening their role in local development.
- The project was developed with special attention to the involvement of local ethnic groups. As these tribal organizations and their leaders still play an important role in Congolese society, the project entails their active involvement in the decision-making processes.
- ELKAP reduces dependence on fossil energy resources. A decreased use of diesel oil has a positive environmental impact. Spillage from storage tanks or during transportation is being avoided. Emission of greenhouse gasses and pollutants are reduced – the amount of CO₂ emissions saved is around 1,000 tons per year.

For more details about ELKAP visit www.elkap.org.



ELKAP inauguration: Kapanga's population is welcoming the opportunities associated with the electrification of their villages.turbine station.

Pastoral

The Society of the Divine Savior – the Salvatorians – are a congregation deeply committed to the spirit of their founder, Fr. Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, to universally spread the knowledge of the Divine Savior and of salvation. Today, members of the Society are engaged in apostolic activities in almost 50 countries all over the world, realizing projects at the service of the poor and marginalized, founding new missions in the South to teach the word of the Lord and promoting vocations for religious life in the Salvatorian communities. Their pastoral projects focus on religious formation, such as the construction of a formation center in Ndiki (Cameroon), on the maintenance of parish structures, and on fundraising for their various socio-pastoral activities. In the period 2014-2016, € 908.200 has been raised for these purposes.



Outreach to the poorest of the poor:
Salvatorian Fathers celebrating Mass
in a makeshift church in Mozambique

● North-South Solidarity and Support through Mass Intentions

In the southern hemisphere, the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers are active in the most neglected regions and areas: in the dusty and abandoned south of Tanzania, in the isolated interior of the D.R. Congo, in the Sahel of Cameroon, on the prevalently Islamic Comoros Islands, in the tribal north-east of India, and in the slums of Manila (Philippines) and Caracas (Venezuela). In accordance with their charism Salvatorians put themselves at the service of the neediest, trying to enable them to live their life with dignity. Salvatorians engage in catechesis and other pastoral work in their parishes, have a strong involvement in education and basic health care and develop and implement many projects with the support of SOFIA. Pastoral and social engagement join hands as the Salvatorians are convinced that salvation is offered in Christ, who requests his disciples to feed the poor, visit the imprisoned, teach the small ones and heal the sick.

Thanks to the increasing numbers of vocations, particularly in Africa and Asia, the Salvatorians are able to embark on new apostolates. Yet, also the financial needs of their communities grow each year in terms of their daily living expenses and pastoral work. Alas, the necessary funds cannot be found locally: priests hardly ever get a salary there, the state is not going to subsidize their apostolates, and the local population, more often than not, cannot manage to give financial support. But a priest can only dedicate himself fully to his pastoral and social work once his daily needs are covered.

Mass Intentions: A Bridge between North and South

Each priest celebrates the Eucharist daily. In this sacrament, the intentions of Christians receive a special place, if and when they request the priest to make explicit intercessions for a concrete person, a concrete situation, a concrete need or for a deceased person. Since prayer or grace have no geographical boundaries, a mass intention can be celebrated everywhere. The priest celebrating the Eucharist remains connected in prayer with the person who proposed the intention and offered the mass stipend. If priests in the most neglected parts of the world, together with the participating community of Christians, celebrate intentions from Christians in the west, an invisible world wide web of prayer is woven, across borders of space and time.

Apart from being a thread in the world wide web of prayer, a mass stipend for the celebration of the daily Eucharist is an essential financial help for the local priest. In many places, one mass stipend is sufficient to cover one day's livelihood. Once his daily needs are covered, the priest can dedicate his time and energy entirely to his pastoral and social work.

Project Facts

Output:

- Foundation of a new Mission in Vietnam in 2014
- Foundation of a new Mission in Kenya in 2015
- Foundation of a new Mission in Peru in 2016
- 158 Salvatorians serving 85 mission parishes in the South
- More than 100 social projects managed by Salvatorians in the South, serving tens of thousands of persons benefitting from them

Mass Intentions granted in 2014-2016: € 135,149



Africa is the future powerhouse of the Church:
more and more Salvatorian vocations
are coming from African countries

Organizational Development

The Society of the Divine Savior is a religious congregation within the Catholic Church. As such it has a defined origin, scope and culture. Its base, its membership, its activity are all shaped by the gospel and by spiritual life. Nevertheless, in order to be successful in this world and to become fit for the future, religious congregations need to adopt best practices from other professional areas. These will ultimately enhance their own activity and scope and thus contribute to the religious activities they develop.

The international leadership is the main agent within the international congregation. It requires organizational development to enable the team to cope with the growth of the congregation, improve the effectiveness of governance and align its contribution to the Salvatorian mission with the realities of the 21st century. The main instrument for organizational development is the office SOFIA (tasked with fundraising, project and knowledge management) and the Support Services. Through workshops, capacity-building schemes and dissemination of existing know-how, the members on the local level are empowered so as to better implement their mission.

Following a review of administrative structures at local and international level, organizational development has been identified as yet another high-impact field and SOFIA has been successful at raising funds towards these ends. As of 2015, organizational development has been added to the four already existing operative areas of the Salvatorians.

In the period 2014-2016 € 445,676 has been raised for the purpose of organizational development.



Salvatorian Fathers and SOFIA staff participating in a Management & Accountability workshop.

● Strategic Planning, Effective Execution, Greater Impact: Empowering the Project Work of the Salvatorians in the Congo

The aim of the project is to ensure greater impact of Salvatorian action in the Congo and to improve the quality of projects through the development of a comprehensive capacity-building program.

The long-term outcome of this project is an increase in the Congolese Province's capacity to manage projects more effectively, the strengthening of monitoring, the improvement of internal and external communication, and a heightened understanding of the complex processes linked to a project cycle. Once concluded, this project of capacity development will have a major effect on the quality and quantity of future projects and would amplify the impact of their work for the greater good of the people of Congo. The project is especially of benefit to SOFIA Congo, the project office of the Salvatorians in the DRC.



Two experts from Caritas Congo, Jean de Dieu Kayala and Albert Mashika interviewing a patient in the Mother Teresa Health Center for Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients in Lubumbashi.

The present project, currently ongoing, consists of the following elements:

- A review of the current operations through field visits and context analysis based on a participatory diagnosis;
- Devising of a strategy for the next 5 years (2016-2020) and a capacity-building scheme;
- Accompanying measures and support by Caritas Congo in order to launch the capacity-building scheme.

Granted in 2014-2016: € 29,326

Other Forms of Salvatorian Solidarity

In addition to SOFIA, the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers are involved in several other solidarity actions, the most important one being budget support for developing Salvatorian units.

In fact, the Salvatorian units in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin-America receive budget support to help cover their living expenses, initial formation, and ministerial activities. This involves 750 Salvatorians living and ministering in Albania, Byelorussia, Cameroon, China, the Comoros Islands, Czech Republic, the D.R. Congo, Hungary, India, Kenya, Mexico, Mozambique, the Philippines, Peru, Russia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Ukraine and Vietnam. The amount (in 2014-2016 € 4,365,145) comes from four sources: Salvatorian development offices in various countries, mass intentions, donations from Salvatorian units, and grants from the Society's international funds.

BUDGET SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING UNITS (in €)	2014	2015	2016
Through the Salvatorian Development Offices	920,000	1,011,500	1,014,300
Austria	40,000	40,000	30,000
Belgium	150,000	150,000	150,000
Germany	210,000	210,000	210,000
Poland	125,000	146,500	154,300
Switzerland	20,000	90,000	80,000
Italy	-	-	10,000
USA	125,000	125,000	130,000
Spain	250,000	250,000	250,000
Through Mass Intentions	118,805	148,537	81,303
Through Salvatorian Provinces	160,000	140,000	130,000
Belgium	100,000	80,000	80,000
Spain	60,000	60,000	50,000
Through the International Funds of the Society	430,000	370,000	495,000
Salvatorian Project Fund	200,000	200,000	300,000
Salvatorian Formation Fund	110,000	130,000	160,000
Salvatorian Solidarity Fund	50,000	-	-
Salvatorian Mission	70,000	40,000	35,000
Total	1,628,805	1,670,037	1,720,603





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