“THERE CAN BE NO CHARITY IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY JUSTICE”
13 Houses call for proposals 2022
Help people who are refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced and victims of human trafficking to break the cycle of homelessness

Inspired by the testimonies heard at the 2022 FHA Conference in Seville, the Famvin Homeless Alliance (FHA) launches a call for new projects on August 30, 2022. As part of the 13 Houses Campaign, this initiative aims to boost efforts to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness around the world, and in particular of those who are refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced and victims of human trafficking.

This call for projects is aimed at any organization that is a member of the Vincentian Family (VF) and would like to propose initiatives to help the target population escape the cycle of homelessness, demonstrating a long-term sustainable vision and a systems change approach.

Why does it matter?
According to UNHCR (The UN Refugee Agency) 89.3 million people were forcibly displaced at the end of 2021 as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order; 53.2 million are internally displaced, 27.1 million are refugees and 4.6 million are asylum seekers.

These numbers underline the drastic situation in which millions of people live, forced to leave their homes and even their country in search of safety and the right to a dignified life.

Since the end of 2021, the number of displaced people has grown due to the war in Ukraine and other conflicts such as those in Myanmar and Burkina Faso. As a result, the number of people forced to flee has now reached more than 100 million (1 in every 78 people on earth). When people are forced to flee their homes they are at a far greater risk of becoming a victim of human trafficking, as being away from their family and community support network makes them an easier target for traffickers.

The 13 Houses Campaign aims to help this vulnerable group of people. Currently, the 13 Houses Campaign has 87 projects in 56 countries and has helped a total of 8296 people. We invite you to take part in this open call and develop a 13 Houses project.

Together, we can help homeless people in the 160 countries where the Vincentian Family works!

Eligibility criteria: Please ensure that your branch meets the following eligibility criteria to be considered for funding:

- The main implementing branch is a member of the Vincentian Family.
- Project beneficiaries are people experiencing homelessness. Priority will be given to initiatives that focus on helping refugees, asylum seekers, slum dwellers, internally displaced people, and victims of human trafficking.
- Projects adopt a systems change approach, they have the long-term goal of breaking the cycle of homelessness. Please note that this call for proposals will not consider humanitarian aid projects. Priority will be given to countries with no existing 13 Houses project. Please see the annex below. Please also note we will only consider one project per country for financial support from the FHA Solidarity Fund.
- The FHA will examine and evaluate each project submitted, and the final selection of projects will be done by the FHA assessment team. The FHA will offer technical and financial support throughout the planning and development of the project.

About the grant: To support branches of the Vincentian Family with less money and resources, the Solidarity Fund was created to provide the funds needed to develop their 13 Houses project. Funds for specific projects depend entirely on the generosity of Vincentian Family members and groups. The maximum grant applicants may request from the Solidarity Fund is 50% of the total project costs and no more than $50,000.

Apply now: To submit your project, complete the application form here (insert link to the Solidarity Fund form) and send it to fha.info@famvin.org. The FHA will be taking rolling applications from 30th of August to 27th November 2022 at midnight (BWT).

FHA will notify you upon reception of your application.

Annex – Countries NOT participating in the 13 Houses Campaign yet (as of August 30th 2022)
Our newly opened Sunuzi parish in Malawi, has an out-church in the name Bandawe. This out-church has many Catholics who pray every Sunday at their village, which is seven kilometers away from Sunuzi. It has nearly 230 families whose long-cherished dream is to have church in their village so that they can pray even in rainy season. At present they assemble in an open area for the mass. It has good attendance every Sunday and people are eager to have a church of their own in the same place where they pray. As an initial process people started molding 80000 bricks and will contribute sand too. And they are ready to contribute their labour. Therefore we request your prayer and support to continue this noble work and to reach the successful end. The challenge that we have is to find funds for cement, sheet, windows and doors.

Fr. Shaik Mahesh CM
St. Joseph, Sunuzi parish
Zomba Diocese
Malawi
This is for your kind information that, we four of the members of the North Indian Province of the Congregation of the Mission in India, Frs. Sandeep Soreng, (Ordained on 23rd January 2020), Aliswar Karjee, (Ordained on 8th January 2020), Binaya Nayak (Ordained on 28th December 2019), Biju Mundathanathu (Ordained on 30th April 1994) volunteered at the request of the Superior General of the CM congregation to go to the kingdom of Cambodia as missionaries in the centenary year (1922-2022) of the NIP Congregation of the Mission in India, recalling the first four Spanish Missionaries visit to India in 1922.

On 27th August evening at Provincial House (Bijoy Bhavan) together with Goupalpur house organised Holy Mass and a farewell Dinner in honour of the would be Cambodian Missionaries. During the Holy Mass Fr. Mathew Nayak the Visitor introduced the four missionaries and asked them to be the Face/Mirror of St.Vincent De Paul wherever you are going to be. The Holy Eucharist was officiated by Fr. Sandeep Soreng the youngest among them and homily was preached by Fr. Aliswar Karjee and after the holy mass few words of gratitude was expressed by Fr. Biju MJ for organising the send on Mission to the Kingdom of Cambodia and asked the present conferers for their continued, prayerful and spiritual support and administrative cooperation as we are getting ready to go an unknown country.

On 28th August 2022 we began our Journey to Kolkata by train and 29th evening we reached Kolkata Airport. Our first journey began at 2:am from Kolkata international Airport and we reached Phnom Penh international airport, the capital of the kingdom of Cambodia at 8:50am and at the airport we were welcomed by Monsg. Cosmo Bruno MEP and Emeritus Monsg. Antony MEP and Vicar general Fr. Alberto PIME and other fathers. On 31st August 2022 during the Holy Mass by Monsg. Lee (Newly Elect Apostolic Administrator) welcomed us by appreciating the Superior General and our Visitor for sending FOUR missionaries together to the Kampong Cham Prefecture. Altogether now there are 22 priests from eight countries are working in this Apostolic Prefecture.

We are now going to start our language course for two years, as it’s very difficult to learn, read and write and pronounce it. In the 1st year we will be staying in the Bishop’s House and attending language classes only. Second year we will be visiting the Villages and Parishes once in away. In the third year we will be staying in different parishes to have first hand experience of the customs, traditions, culture and to have the real pastoral experiences.

We are expected to read Khmer and celebrate Holy Mass in Khmer language within the six months. More importance are given to language, customs, culture and traditions of the people here.

With the prayers and support of you all and through the intercessions of our Holy Founder St.Vincent and Mary the Queen of the Missions we may give our best and try to be the Face/Mirror of St.Vincent De Paul in the kingdom of Cambodia.

Atentamente,
P. Biju Mundathanathu Cm
Surely many things can be said and many moments can be highlighted about what the Congregation of the Mission of Europe and the East (CEVIM) has lived, shared and celebrated from July 29 to August 2 at the Shrine of Los Milagros (Spain). The words that can describe these days are: fraternity, joy, sharing, being... but above all dreaming together as Vincentian Missionaries. Many times the chronicles of the meetings narrate day by day what has happened in such a way that those who read them, can as if they were participants of those moments. But this time it cannot be like that, because it would be unfair to all that God has made great in each confere and the responsibility that we have received now: each one, to return more full of Christ on a personal level and that this results in a community and provincial enrichment. There was prayer, as the beginning of each day, since it shows us the way; we celebrated together the Holy Eucharist, since it nourishes us in a true way... and from there, from Him, everything else. These days cannot be understood without this essential part of our life as Vincentian missionaries (Vincentians, Vincentians, Lazarists). Diversity of names is as diverse as the richness of our Congregation. Of course it is a joy to meet together from so many countries, to remember together other meetings... of course it is a joy to be together and to experience the different ways of seeing life, to celebrate... but what is even more important, we have talked, shared and dare to dream together as Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM, Superior General, so often repeats to us. These have not been days of one and the other separately, they have been days of living and sharing as what we are: Vincentian Missionaries of the 21st century, that at the gates of the V century of our Charism we are invited to revitalize it and, one of the best ways to revitalize something, is sharing and dialoguing; listening to others, even when they think differently, or, better said, even more so when they think differently. To dare to leave the usual, to listen to other voices; to dare to be made uncomfortable with proposals; to dare to listen to young people who have challenges for us... and to stop looking and following ourselves. Fr. Tomaž Mavrič, CM, our Superior General insisted on the importance to be given to these meetings, and proposed that they be held once a year, with a fixed date, so that the provincial programs take into account this meeting that nourishes our being and our sense of belonging. Let us not forget that we do not have to invent anything, nor be creators of anything, we are only asked to be faithful to what is and to know how to read it in the light of the signs of the times, from the faith. Only in this way will the Congregation live a new Pentecost in Europe. We are not dead, we are not finished... but we lack confidence, prayer, joint commitment, service from Christ, avoiding all activism and growing in internationality. We were able to discuss all this in a common sharing, in which many confreres agreed. The meeting whose name was: Apostles of the Truth, invited us to go out of ourselves, out of our places and securities, and in fidelity to Christ, Evangelizer of the Poor, to be bearers of that Truth that is Christ himself, rock and pillar on which we build our life: personal, community and so, as well as that of our Congregation. We have been about 90 missionaries, among priests, seminarians, vocations... sharing, we have seen that we are not alone in our canonical Provinces, may we overcome these provincialisms and dare to raise our heads, and look and see, that our Savior is approaching, in those who cry out to us in our increasingly "globalized" world. A world in need of missionaries who are recognizable and significant, not because we are superior, nor because we feel privileged... but because we give ourselves more and more and better, and this is achieved by doing it from Him, in others, especially in God’s favorites: the poor, our burden and pain, our masters and lords. A great dream, how not to share it! Intense days, of long journeys, of pilgrimage and walking, of overcoming, of discomfort, of heat, of not always understanding each other, because of the different languages, but days of God. No one ever told us that life as missionaries would be easy, but that our life would be and is exciting, if we give it. When the temptation to complain, to criticize comes... it is enough to look at the world to ask ourselves: what am I complaining about? what more do I want? If I have you, O Savior! May we take away from this meeting the need to pray more, to have a deeper relationship with the Lord, to say yes every day with joy, to spend our life for the other, to decenter ourselves from ourselves and focus on Him in order to go out and serve. Let us thank God for everything, because we have met and will continue to do so, as long as we take care of our vocation, from freedom in the Lord, as children of God and of our father Vincent. Thanks to each Province of CEVIM, for betting and participating in these days; thanks to those who proposed this meeting and to the Visitors and the Superior General who supported this meeting in a decisive way. If we want something to go ahead, let’s try it, it will always be a possibility and an opportunity to grow and learn, even if we make mistakes, but let’s try it again. We cannot end these lines without thanking the local community of the Shrine of Los Milagros for their openness and availability for everything. Thanks to the kitchen staff, the store, the cleaning staff. Thanks to those who have served in the celebrations, enriching them and making them more beautiful. Thanks to the laity who, with joy and enthusiasm, have collaborated in the passing of these days. Undoubtedly, if any of us had been absent, the meeting would have been a meeting, but not this one. Each one of us has made it special and unique. The Lord has been great with us and we are happy; we can only look up, row out to sea and live these days in the daily life of our missionary life, so that the flame of our vocation never goes out.

P. Ricardo Rozas, CM
The VSO Annual Report provides a quick overview that reflects the general patterns emerging from all the assisted projects in 2021. The consolidated review also presents an option for a self-critique to make a critical sense of the collaborative initiatives in mission and formation, pastoral services and social development from the optic of the poor. The bottom line of all emerging project types (including formation-focused efforts) and tentative categories is the quality of services and benefits they bring about on the very poor and vulnerable sectors. Amidst the diversity of regional contexts, the VSO underscores our shared heritage of advancing the Vincentian option and sense of solidarity with and for the poor, while ensuring the accountability for the mobilized resources as the patrimony of the poor.

As the VSO approaches the 20th year of sustained services as the International Development Office of the Congregation of the Mission, we enjoin our confreres and implementing partners to critically assess and consolidate the incremental impact of initiated projects in line with the Global Development Framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDGs). Within the broad ‘spectrum of development impact’ of the UN-SDGs, the 2021 VSO-assisted projects have modestly delivered initial benefits in addressing: basic needs and social services (food security, health, education, clean water and sanitation); environmental justice through clean and renewable energy; socio-economic development and poverty reduction; gender equality and social inclusion of the vulnerable; empowerment and (continued on page 2)
In 2021 the VSO supported 49 projects in 21 countries with $1,201,753 USD

Distribution by Project Activity and Type

**PROJECT TYPES:**

**Administration:** projects directly supporting the Vincentian priests and brothers in the missions
Dollars Spent: $6,460

**Religious Formation:** projects for the initial or ongoing training of priests and/or brothers
Dollars Spent: $299,830

**Pastoral Projects:** projects supporting the laity’s religious instruction, spiritual growth and worship
Dollars Spent: $447,299

**Socioeconomic Projects:** projects supporting the material needs and development of people and communities
Dollars Spent: $448,163

**PROJECT ACTIVITY:**

**Construction** $685,554
**Equipment** $291,912
**Materials** $54,784
**Programs** $27,318
**Scholarship** $6,460
**Vehicles** $135,724

2021 Total VSO operating costs: $201,111.
2021 VSO operating costs per dollar distributed: $0.17

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institutional development (see related database). Aligning with the UN Frameworks make our VSO projects viable and accountable for the poor as well as strategic, sustainable and scalable towards our envisioned systemic change.

By Fr. Joel Bernardo, C.M., Executive Director of the VSO

*Due to the cross-cutting nature of the UN SDGs, a single VSO project often supported multiple goals*
PROJECTS 2021

These are some of the projects made possible with the help of our collaborators and donors throughout 2021. For even more information on the projects, please visit our website: www.cmglobal.org/vso-en/

**India:** Three motorbikes for DePaul Seminary, St. Joseph Church and Sountham Social Service

**India:** Four motorbikes for the socio-pastoral works of the Vincentian Missions at Jubaguda, Kottogodo, Dukuma, and Padangi

**ASIA**

**India:** Jeep for mission station at Wakka in Arunachal Pradesh, Miao Diocese

**India:** Furnishing the girl’s hostel at Klurdung, Assam

**Vietnam:** Construction of a pastoral house for catechism class, choir practice, and other community activities
Rwanda: Installation of sanitary equipment including hand washing stations for the fight against COVID-19 for the church of the Mahama Refugee Camp

Democratic Republic of Congo: Computer lab for the Saint Vincent DePaul School Complex in Kinshasa

Burundi: Electrification of the parish complex, presbytery, and 60 local homes in Rwisabi and Kidasha

Tanzania: Construction of an Open-Air Pavilion at De Paul School

Ethiopia: Construction of new presbytery for the catholic community of Kochi of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekempe

Chad: Purchase of three motorbikes for the Parish Mission of Bebalem

AFRICA
Africa:

Nigeria: Roofing of St. Mary's College Multi-Purpose Auditorium

Ethiopia: Paving of the playground at Dawn of Hope School

Mozambique: Computer Lab for Secondary School in the village of Chinhacanine

Tunisia: House repairs for elderly neighbors

Cameroon: Construction of a fish farm for food security

Rwanda: Extension of the coffee plantation at Gitare Parish
Honduras: Purchase of a 40-horsepower engine for pastoral visits to the 32 communities in the Santa Cruz Parish

Mexico: Boy’s hostel and health clinic renovation for the indigenous children at Sierra Tarahumara Mission, Chihuahua

Cuba: Pastoral house with food program for local elderly population

LATIN AMERICA

Central America: Food relief for families hit by COVID-19

Ecuador: Computers for the Teachers at St. Vincent de Paul College

Costa Rica: Renovation of the parish hall and hostel
More projects from 2021 not pictured:

Cameroon:
- Bus for the Scholasticate Saint Vincent de Paul
- Dinnerware, kitchen goods and appliances for the seminary

Chad:
- Multi-purpose hall for Lycée Collège St. Jean-Baptiste de Bebalem
- Solar energy for Vincentian Community House

Democratic Republic of Congo:
- Chainsaw and tools to create new school furniture
- Equipment for COVID-19 for students and staff at Saint Vincent DePaul School Complex in Kinshasa
- Renovation of a community hall

Ethiopia:
- Chicken coop for poor community members in Alemtena

India:
- Bookbinding machine for women’s empowerment through employment
- Construction of the 2nd floor of the English medium school in the Bapulapadu Mandal, Andhra Pradesh State
- Manufacturing of protective masks at De Paul Apparel

Madagascar:
- Wall for Provincial House and Seminary

Mexico:
- Catechism in Rarámuri for children at Sierra Tarahumara

Rwanda:
- Scholarship for the Pastoral Theology Studies of Fr. Jean Pierre Kashori, C.M.

Tanzania:
- Construction of a Boys' Hostel at DePaul School, Mbinga
- Construction of a wall for the pastoral and spiritual care center, Dar es Salaam
- Construction of DePaul Minor Seminary, Dodoma
- Equipment for a computer lab for the DePaul Seminary, Morogoro
- Equipment for the Vincentian Novitiate, Mbinga
- Partial fencing for Regional House

Ukraine:
- Renovating the Parish Center of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Kharkiv

We would like to thank all of our 2021 collaborators:

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~and many individual contributors, confreres, family and friends of our Vincentian missionaries.
Ukraine (pre-war): Retreat for disabled residents of the Zaluchansk orphanage and boarding school

Papua New Guinea: Training of lay missionaries for pastoral projects

Chad: Construction of a multi-purpose room construction for Lycée Collège St. Jean-Baptiste de Bebalem
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