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Vincentian Solidarity Office

2023 Annual Report



Pictured: Scaling up agriculture-based livelihood and self-help promotion among Burundian migrants in Rwanda (SDG 8)

Making Impact on the Most Affected

The VSO takes another opportunity to share a consolidated overview of all assisted projects in 2023. More than a routine project counting, the annual review poses a critical accounting based on cursory measure and consolidation of the impact of our mission and development work in line with the UN-SDGs as a framework. At the outset, we can see an evident diversification of initiatives, services, strategies and regional contexts of solidarity work. Yet, aligning project outcomes and impact to Sustainable Development Goals is not as clear-cut and straightforward. The SDGs foreground the interface of Social, Economic, Ecological bottom lines (People, Progress, Planet) in pursuing transversal development agendas to be measured by **thematic impact. With the principle “leaving no one behind”, the social inclusion or option for the most affected at the grassroots becomes a key link in the aligning process. The underlying agenda is to address the impact of critical cross-cutting issues on the most**

vulnerable sectors. Responding to the concrete needs of the poor who are most affected by global cross-cutting issues sets the pathway to operationalize the SDGs. Need-driven projects can serve as entry points and catalysts for transformative impact by starting to make impact on the most affected sectors at the crossroads of transversal development discourses. Grassroots level initiatives can become strategic sites for engaging and building impact by aligning to broader development goals in the contexts of global poverty, marginality and inequality.

We continue to enjoin confreres and implementing partners to pursue the path of sustainable development in solidarity with the most affected.

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



In 2023 the VSO supported 52 projects in 24 countries
with \$2,210,045 USD

2023 Total VSO operating costs: \$176,282

2023 VSO operating costs per dollar distributed: \$0.08

PROJECTS 2023

On the following pages are some of the projects made possible with the help of our collaborators and donors throughout 2023. For even more information on the projects, please visit our website: www.cmglobal.org/vso-en/

1 NO POVERTY



\$22,002 of funding worked to reduce poverty



Program support for service to the homeless and marginalized, Honduras

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



\$68,014 of funding increased access to clean water



Water borehole for our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nigeria

Not pictured: Clean water for Mission Andalatanosy, Diocese of Fort-Dauphin, Madagascar



Water and sanitation system for the village of Belita, Cameroon



Harnessing water system for sustainable agriculture, Madagascar

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



\$74,695 created new, reliable employment



Agriculture and income-generating planting to enable the Vincentian Mission at Klurdung to self-support, India

Income-generating beekeeping project for the elderly and widows, Ethiopia





Income-generating job program for the sight impaired and prison inmates in Moyamba, Sierra Leone

5 GENDER EQUALITY



\$9,434 of funding helped improve gender equality



Support for women surviving violence through inclusion and job training in poultry production, Bolivia



Seed germinator for agricultural school, Honduras



Environmental education and volunteer program for indigenous communities, Honduras



Construction of community house for confreres and student, Viet Nam



Playground equipment for St. Joseph Inclusive School, Nigeria



Modernization of St. Xavier's School at Saprunguttu, in Jharkhand with a computer lab, India



School renovations in Jesús de Tavarangüe, Paraguay



Repairs due to fire at Alemachen Center for Physically Disabled Children, Ethiopia



Construction of a kitchen for the boy's hostel at the Mission Station at Christnagar in Gajapati District of the State of Odisha, India



New school building for École Saint Vincent de Paul de Belita II, Batouri, Cameroon




Support for childhood education through systematic change program, Mozambique



Fence for St. Joseph's Inclusive School, Nigeria

Not pictured: Generator for School and Church complex at the International Mission of Chad

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



\$1,628,927 of funding reinforced strong institutions



Repairs to refectory for Common Theologate



Renovation of Jyoti Nivas Minor Seminary at Baripada in Mayurbhanj, India



Partial funding to enlarge and remodel the Church of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Guatemala



Renovation of pastoral house in Douala, Cameroon



Renovation of Dukuma Church, India



Construction of internal seminary and meeting rooms, Rwanda



Purchase of a motorbike for the new mission in Nepal



Furniture for minor seminary, Tanzania



Reconstruction of the collapsed church in Kidasha, Burundi



Vehicle for the Indigenous Mission of Talamanca, Costa Rica



Construction of major seminary building in Morogoro, Tanzania



Furnishings for St. Joseph presbytery in Malawi

Not pictured: Chapel construction for seminary complex, Rwanda; Additional rooms construction at St. Vincent's Minor Seminary, Dimapur, India; Vehicle purchase for Angola; Vehicle purchase for Malawi; 3 jeeps purchase for India; Vehicle purchase for Rio de Janeiro Mission, Brazil; School bus for COVIAM Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria; Internal seminary construction for Bikoro, DRC; Construction of presbytery at Mudapallur, India

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



\$133,019 of funding helped build strong communities



Construction of the parish community hall at De Paul Parish in Manipur, India

Not pictured: Extension and renovation of the church at Vincentnagar, India

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



\$17,040 went to improving water



Supporting subsistence fisherfolk communities of the Indian Ocean, Tanzania

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



\$39,194 helped reduce inequalities



Catechistic, educational and athletic training for young people in the Burundian Refugee Camp, Rwanda

Not Pictured: Prisoner education program start-up, Albania

Community livelihood and integration support for minoritized groups, Ethiopia

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