

RONCALLI INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Solidarity in action



Roncalli
INTERNATIONAL
FOUNDATION



MISSION

Together with disadvantaged populations in developing countries, we build more humane and just communities as we manifest the compassion and the Providence of God. We collaborate in empowering them through partnerships and projects that improve their living conditions and their self-sufficiency.

VISION

Become a committed partner whose actions of solidarity have a positive and sustainable impact on marginalized and vulnerable populations in developing countries.

VALUES

COMPASSION

We accompany those who suffer in the world. Listening to their needs, we contribute to their spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing. We act with benevolence to end the causes of poverty..

RESPECT

We recognize the sacred nature of each person, as well as the value and dignity inherent in them. The diversity of our team and its intercultural sensitivity allow us to use our long-standing expertise to find adequate, environmentally conscious and sustainable solutions.

FAIRNESS

We treat all people fairly, especially in the context where inequalities and exclusion of vulnerable populations persist. We work to establish equality between women and men, to fight discrimination and oppression and to promote justice.

SOLIDARITY

We recognize the interconnectedness and interdependence that unites us to others. We stand with the most vulnerable populations, focusing on mutual aid, cooperation and sharing.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A YEAR OF SOLIDARITY IN ACTION



As President of the Roncalli International Foundation, I am profoundly moved by the life-changing projects that we support thanks to your solidarity. Despite the substantial challenges we faced in 2022, such as the volatility of financial markets, rising inflation and the prolonged effects of the pandemic, the Foundation continued to thrive.

I am particularly proud of the fact that we were able to increase the funding for our projects for the third year in row. We went from a budget of \$1.7 million in 2020, to \$2 million in 2021, and to \$2.2 million in 2022. This has allowed the Foundation to support valuable projects that have a tremendous impact in some of the poorest countries in the world, where few other organizations are present. When a community can now access clean water or be treated with the latest medical equipment, it can be transformative.

As a board, we are committed to ensuring that the Foundation remains on solid ground and well-positioned in order to fulfill its mission of global solidarity. Our 2020-2024 strategic plan provides the roadmap for achieving this and we can already see the positive outcomes of its implementation, and which have helped us to navigate these uncertain times.

For one, in order to maintain our financial stability, we continued to implement our revised investment policy by further diversifying our investments to secure better returns without adding undue risks. The Foundation has also developed investment portfolios in both Canadian and US currencies, which enables it to be responsive to the wishes of religious congregations with whom we have agreements to manage endowment and/or dedicated funds.

These agreements have grown out of our desire to support religious congregations in maintaining their significant legacy of global solidarity. As such, in 2022, the Foundation signed its first agreement with a religious congregation that includes support for the subsistence of its members. The agreement also includes an endowment fund for small-scale yearly projects in line with the congregation's mission and a dedicated fund for large-scale infrastructure projects. This is an example of how the Foundation can play a key role in upholding the essential work of religious congregations far into the future, and we are honoured by the congregation's trust in the Foundation so that together we can continue to build on its incredible legacy.

I want to thank our board members for all the time and energy they give voluntarily to the Foundation and without whom we could not make these important steps forward. A special thanks goes to Sr. Monique Courchesne, CND, and Ms. Élizabéth Meloche, who left the Board of Directors in 2022. As well, many thanks to Sr. Karin Dufault, S.P., Sr. Hortense Demia-Mbailaou, S.P., Sr. Nancy Arévalo, S.P. and Sr. Émilie Maddix, CND, who recently ended their mandates as Voting members. All of these women have made valuable contributions over the years to the advancement of the Foundation.

The year 2022 was marked by many successes that I am confident will continue in 2023. These notable results are reflective of the cooperation between the Roncalli team, the Board of Directors, the Voting members, our donors and our collaborators. We are truly blessed to have you as part of the Roncalli family so that together, we can build a world of humanity.

It is a privilege to witness so much solidarity in action and I hope that you feel as inspired as I am by the Foundation as you read this annual report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lise Casgrain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L".

Lise Casgrain, MBA, ICD.D
President

MESSAGE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CONTRIBUTING TO TANGIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE IMPACTS

The year 2022 marked the second year of the implementation of the Foundation's 2020-2024 strategic plan and many strides were made in advancing our objectives to build a world of humanity. The vision for this plan is in large part based on harnessing our collective solidarity to address the injustice of poverty and improve the living conditions of children, women and men over the long-term.

At the Foundation, we recognize the courage, capacity and commitment of all of our collaborators, and together, we can create powerful synergies! Here are just a few examples from the past year:

- Thanks to the generosity of our collaborators, we raised \$1.56 million for our annual campaign, surpassing our \$1.4 million goal. This allowed us to fund 94 projects with our partners in the field, including projects in our new areas of action: Empowerment of women, Income generating activities and Resilience to climate change.
- Through the Baillaigé Fund, which was started through an agreement with the former Baillaigé Foundation, we welcomed hundreds of benefactors, whose donations helped us fund the studies of 298 seminarians and two water and sanitation projects in Africa.
- We completed several multi-million-dollar infrastructure and emergency projects that were entrusted to us by Canadian religious congregations to manage and implement. We oversaw major renovations of a hospital in Davao City in the Philippines and administered emergency COVID-19 support for the same hospital. We also managed the construction of a new residence for the members of a Canadian congregation in Haiti. These collaborative projects enhance the ability of congregations to serve the most poor and vulnerable in the communities where they work.
- We remained in solidarity with the people of Haiti as they faced the multiple challenges of rebuilding after the earthquake of August 2021, rising costs due to inflation and the pandemic and a deteriorating socio-economic situation. By remaining adaptable and attentive to the needs of our partners, we were able to support seven projects through our Haiti Assistance Fund and 12 projects as part of our regular programming.

In the following pages, you will be able to read more on many of these results from the past year, which could not have been achieved without your support and the passion of our team at the Roncalli Foundation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and flexibility, as we integrated new programs and funds.



With the progressive return to the office, we also implemented a hybrid work model that is contributing to a better work-life balance for the team. I would like to give a special thanks to Janis Laveix, who made the leap of returning to her home country of France last year, and to Sabine Canel, who moved on to pursue her many passions, including photography.

This gradual reopening of society also meant that we were once again able to welcome partners at our office and visit with religious congregations. These meetings help to build bonds between us and encourage us to invite all those who believe in the mission of the Foundation to be part of the Roncalli family. As such, we are making efforts to make the Foundation better known and in 2022, we embarked on a redesign of our website and participated for the first time in the conference of the Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutes (ATRI) in Moncton. We hope that we can count on you to help us spread the word about the incredible work of the Foundation that we accomplish together!

Let me wish you happy reading of our 2022 Annual Report. It is a truly inspiring portrait of how our solidarity in action is creating tangible and sustainable impacts!

Danielle Valiquette, MBA
Executive Director

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION:

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022



The year 2022 was filled with many moments of solidarity in action where we grew closer to all of our collaborators. These encounters contribute to channeling our collective passion for a just world and taking steps together to build it. As you will see in the highlights from the year, we are walking hand-in-hand with our collaborators and partners to bring about change that makes a difference in the lives of millions around the world.

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THE LAUNCH OF NEW AREAS OF ACTION

In 2022, the Foundation began to accept project proposals for its three new areas of action:

- Empowerment of women
- Income generating activities
- Resilience to climate change

These new sectors replace the former areas of infrastructure, training and emergencies, which are now sub-categories of all eight of our areas of action. These changes were decided through the consultation process for our 2020-2024 Strategic Plan. They respond to the needs expressed by our partners as our world faces new and evolving challenges. As you will see further on in this report, we supported several innovative projects in these areas in 2022 that are providing new opportunities to women to become more autonomous, helping communities adapt to the effects of climate change and lifting families out of poverty.



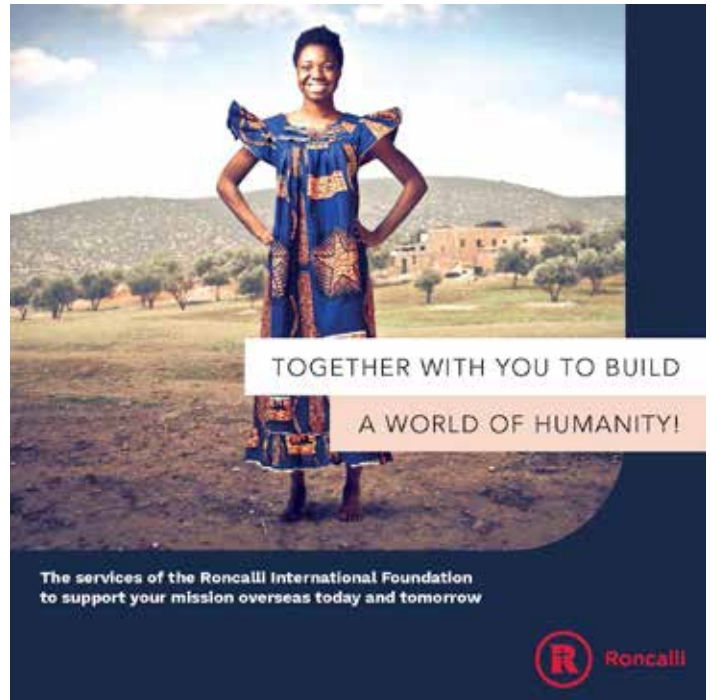
THE FOUNDATION WELCOMES ITS PARTNERS

As the preventative measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 were eased, our partners were able to once again make in-person visits to our offices in Montreal. We received a visit from members of our partner organization the Association Saint-Camille-de-Lellis (Saint Camillus of Lellis Association), who provided us with an update on the projects we are supporting to help those suffering from mental health disorders in West Africa. Its founder, M. Grégoire Ahongbonon, recounted the importance of providing treatment that upholds the dignity of the patient, particularly in a context where mental illness is stigmatized.

We also welcomed SOPAR, a longstanding partner of over 20 years, whose water and hygiene projects in India are supported by the Foundation. They told us about the impacts of COVID-19 on communities and how the organization is empowering women to become leaders in their communities, particularly widows who often face ostracization in Indian society. These partner visits bring us closer together and we look forward to many more in the future.

RENOVATIONS AT THE SAN PEDRO HOSPITAL ARE COMPLETED

In 2021, the Foundation began a collaboration with a Canadian religious congregation and the San Pedro Hospital in Davao City in the Philippines to support major renovations of the hospital that would allow its staff to provide improved medical services to its patients. This \$1.7 million major infrastructure project included an overhaul of the hospital’s emergency room to create a separate admitting area, an entrance for trauma patients that provides more privacy and an area for patients requiring isolation. A new pharmacy was also added, as well as a comfortable waiting area that can accommodate the elderly and people with disabilities. The renovations were completed in October 2022 and staff can now receive more patients and provide better care to those who need it most.



A NEW PUBLICATION ON THE FOUNDATION’S SERVICES TO RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

Canadian religious congregations make an important contribution to providing essential services to remote communities in some of the poorest countries in the world. Recognizing the need to maintain these works, the Roncalli International Foundation now offers several ways to support religious congregations in pursuing their overseas missions. These include the supervision of large infrastructure projects, and the management of dedicated funds, dedicated donations and endowment funds. The Foundation produced a new publication that details its new services, providing concrete examples of how these types of collaboration can ensure the meaningful impact of religious congregations well into the future. The publication is available on the Foundation’s website at www.roncalli.ca and in printed format upon request.



A NEW MULTI-YEAR MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PROJECT

With the aim of increasing the impact and sustainability of its work, the Foundation is developing a few multi-year projects as part of its regular programming. These projects can have a maximum budget of \$300,000 and leverage the skills and resources of several stakeholders to amplify the outcomes. The first project of this kind was launched in 2022, joining the forces of the Roncalli International Foundation, the Irish-Ethiopian organization Vita and a Canadian religious congregation, in support of the rehabilitation of 460 water supply points in Ethiopia. This community-driven project aims to form committees that will be trained to repair and manage the water points and improve water usage in the villages, thus making water accessible in the long-term in a country where this precious resource is all too scarce. This innovative project began in September 2022 and will be implemented over three years with a budget of \$100,000 per year.

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION:

OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMING



The Roncalli International Foundation's regular programming is an example of human solidarity in action. We strive to promote sustainable development, working with local communities in developing countries. Together, we are implementing initiatives that contribute to improving the quality of life of these communities in the long-term. We are committed to using the funds collected through our annual campaigns to support each project up to a maximum amount of \$35,000, and according to the Foundation's areas of action. We recognize that each project has merit and value, and we make every effort to allocate these funds to the projects that are the most viable and forward-thinking. In this way, we can ensure that this support is utilized in the most effective way possible and that our projects achieve their goals.

In 2022, we were able to build a path to a better life for youth in Nairobi's slums, by supporting them in their efforts

to start careers in the arts. As well, we supported women in Senegal who are fighting against climate change by contributing to the development of effective solutions to protect local biodiversity. The activities of this project are doubly beneficial, since they not only allow the women to contribute to protecting their environment, but also provide them with subsistence income. We are also pleased to present to you other successful projects, such as the addition of a gymnasium for a school in Ecuador that was battered by a major earthquake, and another that supported women in San Pedro in Côte d'Ivoire as they developed their entrepreneurial skills. These initiatives demonstrate that our efforts can improve living conditions in communities, and help all of us to grow spiritually. We invite you to read on and find out about the impacts of our 2022 programming. We are enthusiastically looking forward to continuing to work together to bring about positive change in our world.



SOLIDARITY IN ACTION:

THE IMPACT OF OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMING IN 2022

AFRICA

18 countries
61 projects
1,031,917 people supported
\$1,337,802 allocated



LATIN AMERICA

6 countries
19 projects
552,200 people supported
\$396,503 allocated



THE CARIBBEAN

1 country
12 projects
53,842 people supported
\$407,785 allocated



ASIA

1 country
2 projects
27,772 people supported
\$57,652 allocated



TOTAL

26 countries
94 projects
1,665,731 people supported
\$2,199,742 allocated



AGRICULTURE

8
COUNTRIES

11
PROJECTS

39,107
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$330,432
ALLOCATED



GROWING GARDENS FOR BETTER LIVING!

AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$22,091	900	NICARAGUA	INSTITUTO DE PROMOCIÓN HUMANA DE SOMOTO

The municipality of Yalaguina, in Nicaragua, is situated in Central America’s dry corridor. It is home to more than 11,000 people, 81% of whom live in a rural setting. The region is characterized by a lengthy dry season and a short rainy season, which makes its inhabitants especially vulnerable to climate change. Indeed, dry spells are lasting longer and longer, which has a substantial negative impact on the subsistence farming practiced by the community. And since most people depend on farming to feed themselves, their food security is consequently endangered.

To address the problem, the Instituto de promoción humana (Institute for Human Promotion) of Somoto, in collaboration with the organization Carrefour de solidarité internationale (Crossroads of International Solidarity), initiated a program that develops biointensive family gardens. This farming technique uses methods that are environmentally friendly to maximize the amount of food that can be produced in a small area.

The gardens are arranged around participants’ homes, and can measure more than 30m², depending on the availability of land and of sources of water nearby. They provide families with a vital supplement to their daily diets, which is beneficial to their health and well-being, but also help communities feed themselves in a more sustainable way and meet basic food needs.

Thanks to funding from the Roncalli International Foundation, the program was expanded to assist another 100 families in seven communities.

In addition to providing the necessary equipment, for example pitchforks, gardening tools, shovels and packets of seeds appropriate to biointensive gardening (crops like corn, chia, carrots, yucca, etc.), the project funded a series of training sessions, including workshops on healthy nutrition and diet. These workshops used herbs and vegetables that had been grown in the gardens. Participants were accompanied by the institute’s technical team, which ensured the proper application of biointensive agricultural methods, and the optimisation of results.

Participants will soon be able to taste the product of their hard work, which will continue to bear fruit, so to speak, for years to come.



EDUCATION

12
COUNTRIES

20
PROJECTS

123,574
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$447,849
ALLOCATED

A NEW GYMNASIUM FOR THE HERMANO MIGUEL SCHOOL IN NUEVO COJIMIES



AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$26,483	1,100	ECUADOR	NUEVO COJIMIES

On April 16, 2016, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked Ecuador; it was followed by a series of 713 aftershocks. More than 650 people were killed, and 29,000 found themselves homeless. Total losses were evaluated at more than 2 billion dollars. The Canton of Pedernales in the country’s northeast was especially hard-hit, including the city of Cojimies, 80% of which was destroyed.

Many families who had lost everything as a result of this natural disaster went to live on vacant properties in the village of Nuevo Cojimies, which is now home to 1,000 inhabitants. The addition of the new families, and the need to repair infrastructure that had been damaged by the earthquake, prompted villagers to launch their own initiative to obtain financial aid from various partners, including the Roncalli International Foundation.

Since 2016, the Foundation has supported the village on several occasions. In 2021, it assisted in the rebuilding of the Hermano Miguel elementary school, which had been condemned following the earthquake. The school’s reopening allowed children to continue their studies in improved conditions, but certain facilities were still lacking.

With the aid of the Religieuses de Jésus-Marie (Religious of Jesus and Mary) congregation and the support of the Foundation, an outdoor gymnasium (called a cancha) measuring 30 metres long by 20 metres wide, was installed. Physical education courses are now given there.

Other facilities for basketball, volleyball, football and other activities for adults, were also added. In fact, the entire community can take advantage of the new outdoor space to hold events, meetings, conferences, celebrations, dances, and more.

The addition of the new gymnasium had an immediate positive impact for the 100 children who attend the school, as well as on their parents and the entire community. The school is now a source of pride for the village, and the whole municipality benefits from the new facilities!



**EMPOWERMENT
OF WOMEN**

3
COUNTRIES

3
PROJECTS

4,057
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$84,757
ALLOCATED



**THE FABRIC
OF EMPOWERMENT**

AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$21,187	1,300	CÔTE D'IVOIRE	MISSIONNAIRES DE LA CONSOLATA

From 2002 to 2011, Côte d'Ivoire was in the throes of a major political crisis. That crisis had political, economic and social ramifications, as well as deep repercussions on the way in which the country functioned. The situation also had an impact on the education of the country's current generations, and the state of literacy, especially among women.

In order to help improve the situation, the Missionnaires de la Consolata (Consolata Missionaries) in Côte d'Ivoire launched the Empowerment of Women in San Pedro project, which centered on the sale of a traditional African fabric called *pagne*. The *pagne* is a type of printed textile that comes in various patterns and colours and is used in the making of garments for women, as well as to carry infants. The project aims to help women to gain financial independence.

Initially, the women were encouraged to sell the fabrics in a new boutique near the city centre that they themselves had refurbished. Simultaneously, they learned about business methods, and about marketing and inventory management (purchasing and deliveries). In addition, the project includes trainings by specialists on topics such as the principles of supply and demand, using the banking system, women's rights, entrepreneurship, leadership and the culture of respect.

The project also aims to raise awareness among men about women's values and place in society, which could contribute to the better treatment of women.

In addition to the profits resulting from sales, there is a mechanism in place to ensure the project's continuity. The participants themselves decided to allocate 40% of income from sales to a business fund to be used to purchase new products, 30% to the women's association that launched the project for a mutual aid fund and 30% to the participants who sell the *pagnes*.

The initiative thus helps the women gain some financial independence, as well as providing learning opportunities and a chance to improve their families' and their communities' living conditions.



EVANGELIZATION

9
COUNTRIES

21
PROJECTS

513,312
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$307,332
ALLOCATED

**A SPACE
THAT CREATES HARMONY**



AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$22,686	13,000	INDIA	POOR CLARES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration is a cloistered religious congregation devoted to a contemplative life. Since 2017, the nuns have lived in the Our Lady of Fatima convent in the diocese of Tuticorin in India. It was Bishop Yvon Ambroise of Tuticorin who ceded two acres of land for the purpose of building this monastery in the village of Kizhavaneri.

A great deal of work was put into the project, but the monastery still lacked some of the elements necessary to the daily life of the congregation. The nuns requested a sitting room and a guest room, which were vital in order for them to fulfill their role providing for the spiritual needs of the village’s inhabitants. Indeed, although cloistered, this religious congregation plays an important part in the life of the wider community of Tuticorin. Each day, one or two families come to visit the nuns, and on weekends, the faithful from neighbouring regions flock to the monastery. The nuns welcome between 100 and 150 visitors each month and between 2,000 and 3,000 per year, including those who make the pilgrimage for special occasions such the Feast of St. Clare, the Feast of St. Francis, Christmas and Easter.

The diocese of Tuticorin plays a vital role in this largely Hindu and Muslim society. Statistics for the state of Tamil Nadu, in which the diocese is situated, indicate that among the 2,590,000 inhabitants there are 429,103 Catholics. The members of the diocese provide extraordinary services to all, without regard to caste or belief, in a variety of areas, including education, health care, development and social awareness.

Thanks to the support of the Roncalli International Foundation, and of the Centre missionnaire Sainte-Thérèse (Saint-Theresa Missionary Centre), the congregation was able to make the desired additions. The enhancements brought by the sitting room and the guest room truly meet the needs of the community, as the public visit the nine nuns on a daily basis for prayers, advice, conflict resolution sessions, faith formation and more. The space will also be used by parish clergy and will be an environment in which individuals of other faiths can be welcomed.



HEALTH

11
COUNTRIES

13
PROJECTS

453,377
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$319,413
ALLOCATED

 **OXYGEN**
FOR ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL LACOR

AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED PER YEAR	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$33,871	14,700	UGANDA	ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL LACOR

Quebec native Lucille Teasdale, a surgeon and humanitarian, left an impressive legacy in Uganda by the time of her death in 1996. In the early 1960s, along with her husband, Piero Corti, she took charge of a very small rural hospital in the northern part of the country that had been founded by Comboni Missionaries.

Today, thanks to the couple's hard work and devotion, St. Mary's Hospital Lacor in Uganda has grown into a major medical centre with 500 beds. Every year, 300,000 patients are treated there. The hospital's mission is to provide affordable health care, in particular to the disadvantaged and those who do not normally have access to proper care.

During the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, the hospital added an intensive care unit that was designated a national centre in Uganda for the management of complex cases of the illness. The Teasdale-Corti Foundation at that point asked the Roncalli International Foundation for support in acquiring seven portable blood pressure monitoring systems. This type of unit can measure blood pressure, blood oxygen levels, body temperature and heart rate, which allows personnel to provide specialized treatment to those afflicted with the most severe cases of COVID-19. This request was similar to one that had been the basis of another project in 2020 run in collaboration with the Foundation, thanks to which four monitors were purchased for the intensive care unit.

These new monitors enable doctors to provide safer and better-quality care, and to keep track of a patient's vital signs in real time. As well, the hospital's staff has the necessary qualifications and experience to install, use and maintain these monitors, which will guarantee that they will function properly, and that they will last.

It is important to highlight the fact that Lucille Teasdale and Piero Corti not only made sure the hospital provided quality care, but also thought about the future, and trained Ugandans from the region so that they could subsequently take over. Their heritage is today more alive than ever; their work and their devotion continue to have a positive effect on the lives of the thousands of people they treated.



**INCOME
GENERATING
ACTIVITIES**

4
COUNTRIES

5
PROJECTS

4,003
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$110,336
ALLOCATED

THE MUSICIANS OF THE SLUMS OF NAIROBI



AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$25,304	100 YOUTHS	KENYA	VISION OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, is a metropolis where a sizeable portion of the population lives in slums. The problems experienced in these areas have been exacerbated over the past few years by the difficult economic circumstances created by the pandemic. With jobs or other sources of income lacking, young people are often condemned to a miserable existence. They see their range of options narrowed due to the numerous obstacles they encounter and the lack of educational opportunities in their communities.

Following consultations at a youth forum, the charitable organization Vision of the Good Samaritan identified a lack of facilities and appropriate training as barriers for young musicians to earn a living from their talents. This was the catalyst to launch a project to provide trainings for a year to 50 girls and 50 boys, so they could refine their musical gifts and learn how to market them.

In order to help the youths to go further in their development, the organization sought the support of the Missionaries of Mariannahill and the Roncalli International Foundation to create an audiovisual production studio. Funding from the Foundation provided for the purchase of equipment for the studio, such as cameras, microphones, computers and instruments, so that now these young artists have access to professional tools to produce audio and video material.

The studio provides the youths with technical support, which also allows them to deepen their skills and create new career opportunities. Now, with access to proper equipment and new competencies, these young artists are ready to let their music take flight and build successful careers.



**RESILIENCE
TO CLIMATE
CHANGE**

**3
COUNTRIES**

**3
PROJECTS**

**6,701
PEOPLE SUPPORTED**

**\$94,031
ALLOCATED**



WOMEN FIGHTING AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$27,800	3,575	SENEGAL	NÉBÉDAY

The Sine Saloum delta in Senegal is a coastal region situated 270 km from the capital, Dakar. This delta is a veritable labyrinth of islands, characterized by rich vegetation. But this magnificent ecosystem is threatened by the ramifications of climate change, which are also creating serious environmental, social and economic problems for local communities.

These island communities mainly rely on wood for their energy supply, which increases their demand for agro-forestry resources. A project conceived by the Senegalese organization Nébédáy and supported by the Centre de solidarité internationale (International Solidarity Centre) of Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean, aims to enhance the adaptability of three of the region's villages, Thialane, Siwo and Bassar, so as to ensure sustainable resource management.

The project supports women who are members of economic interest groups in order to increase their capacity to adapt to climate change, and that of their community, through the use of technologies that produce low greenhouse gas emissions (GHG emissions), and the promotion of agro-forestry.

The project initially sought to promote social change that was consistent with new economic possibilities, and a reduction in the community's use of wood. Training on how to make better stoves contributed to the more efficient use of wood, vital in the fight against deforestation, and the reduction by 50% of the use of wood for heating. In addition, the utilization of biofuels, produced essentially from straw, helps minimize the number of brush fires and avoid reliance on precious mangrove wood.

The Roncalli International Foundation supported the groups in the acquisition of equipment and material to jump-start these new activities as part of their efforts to preserve the delta's threatened ecosystem, and reduce their carbon footprint.

Major goals included an improvement in the living conditions of village women, a reduction in GHG emissions and improved food and forestry yields, and all were achieved! The challenge is now to promote the wider use of these new techniques to ensure the protection of this magnificent environment.



WATER AND SANITATION

11
COUNTRIES

18
PROJECTS

521,600
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$505,592
ALLOCATED

WATER FOR FAMILIES IN JOCOTE DE CAYANINI



AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER
\$18,000	2,760	HONDURAS	ASOCIACIÓN PARA EL DESARROLLO ECONÓMICO, CIENTÍFICO Y TECNOLÓGICO

The village of Jocote de Cayanini is located 42 km south of San Marcos de Colón, in Honduras. It is known for its production of staple cereals (corn, millet, beans), which provides its inhabitants with a basic income. However, its water supply system, which is now more than 34 years old, is heavily damaged. In fact, its storage tank loses 45% of the water that is channeled to it from the region’s two natural sources.

As well, food insecurity is now estimated to have reached record levels in the country, which also underlines just how crucial a reliable water supply is.

The community’s economic difficulties prompted it to ask for outside help. The priorities were building a drinking water reservoir, and installing a water distribution system for families in the village. The overall goal was to optimize the use and development of water resources, and avoid waste. The project was realized in collaboration with several organizations, such the Asociación para el Desarrollo Económico, Científico y Tecnológico (Association for Economic, Scientific and Technological Development) of Honduras, Jumelage St-Félix (St-Félix Twinning) and the Roncalli International Foundation.

Thanks to this vital initiative, 262 people were able to get access to drinking water, and improvements were seen in the health of the population, standards of hygiene, and farming. The project partners also were involved in providing Jocote’s inhabitants with training in proper water management and the preservation of water sources and delivery systems. Now, all of the residents work to ensure the efficient use of this new source of drinking water, and they have even adopted regulations governing the rights and duties of inhabitants with respect to drinking water.

SOLIDARITY IN ACTION:

OUR DEDICATED PROJECTS

11
COUNTRIES

27
PROJECTS

324,063
PEOPLE SUPPORTED

\$6,792,356
INVESTED

At the Roncalli International Foundation, we bring to life the mission and vision of religious congregations and other organizations who want to put their solidarity into action by entrusting endowment funds, dedicated funds and/or dedicated donations to be managed by the Foundation. In 2022, we supported 16 projects thanks to the funds that were created with us and oversaw the implementation of four large-scale projects through dedicated donations. We also supported seven vital projects in Haiti thanks to dedicated donations to our Haiti Assistance Fund.

All of these dedicated projects respond to specific needs, but have incredible ripple effects that create the conditions for communities to thrive in the long-term. They combine the generous spirit of religious congregations or other foundations here in Canada, the needs and expertise of local communities in the Global South and the project management experience of the Foundation's staff, demonstrating the positive and powerful outcomes that can occur when we bring together our solidarity and put it into action.

HAITI

ASSISTANCE FUND



The Roncalli International Foundation's Haiti Assistance Fund was created to support reconstruction efforts following the tragic earthquake that struck the country in 2010. As the country remains particularly vulnerable to natural disasters, climate change and poverty, the Foundation has kept the fund in place so that it can respond to urgent situations affecting the most vulnerable. Most recently, the Foundation raised funds to support communities rebuild following a powerful earthquake that struck the southwestern part of Haiti on August 14, 2021.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the Foundation was able to support 7 projects in 2022 that helped over 4,000 people. This also included an urgent health project to address a deadly cholera outbreak in the region of Gros-Morne in November 2022. Here is just one of the great projects that was put in place through this Fund.

Helping children get a better education in Maniche

Children having access to school in Haiti is key to building a better future for the country. However, the August 14 earthquake damaged nearly all the schools in the Southern

region, placing the academic journey of the region's children at risk.

The Sœurs de Saint-François d'Assise (Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi) have been present in the area of Maniche since 1943. The congregation runs the Ste-Rose primary and secondary school that welcomes 425 students and 260 staff members every day. The school, which was already damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016, suffered further wreckage in the 2021 earthquake, forcing classes to take place inside temporary shelters offering little comfort or security, and creating additional challenges for the children to learn.

Through the Haiti Assistance Fund, the Foundation was able to provide \$72,263 to not only repair 17 classrooms, but make significant improvements to the school by building toilets, improving the indoor plumbing and installing electricity for the school's computer lab. These repairs have allowed students to resume their schooling in an optimal environment and provide staff with the facilities to help their students go even further in their studies.

THE BAILLAIRGÉ FUND



SUPPORTING A NEW GENERATION OF PRIESTS

In 2021, the Baillaigé Fund was launched when the former Baillaigé Foundation entrusted its works to the Roncalli International Foundation to maintain its longstanding mission to support the formation of priests in the Global South.

The year 2022, marked the first full year that the fund was in place at the Foundation and the activities associated with it are now in full swing. Thanks to the confidence of the partners and donors of the former Baillaigé Foundation, we were able to accomplish the following:

- FUNDING FOR THE FORMATION OF 293 FUTURE PRIESTS IN 9 COUNTRIES
- COLLABORATION WITH 12 SEMINARIES AND DIOCESES
- THE CELEBRATION OF 1,710 MASS INTENTIONS BY PRIESTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND CAMEROUN
- DONATIONS TOTTALLING \$97,500

When the Baillaigé Foundation transferred its assets to the Foundation, it also included a fund for water projects in Africa. As such, the Foundation was able to support two water and sanitation projects in Cameroun and the Democratic Republic of Congo, respectively, which provided clean water to over 23,000 people.

In June 2022, Mr. Claude Baillaigé, the founder of the Baillaigé Foundation, visited the offices of the Foundation and met with its President and Vice-President and several team members to learn more about how the Foundation is pursuing his extraordinary legacy. He expressed his enthusiasm at the work taking place and his hope that the benefactors of the former Baillaigé Foundation will be generous in supporting the new Baillaigé Fund.

RESIDENCE

IN HAITI

A NEW RESIDENCE FOR A CONGREGATION IN HAITI

One of the services that the Roncalli International Foundation offers to religious congregations is the supervision and management of overseas construction projects. In 2017, a congregation here in Canada wanted to build a new anti-seismic residence for its sisters in Haiti that would include an area for the members of the congregation, an area for staff, as well as a refurbishment of the courtyard and the front entrance.

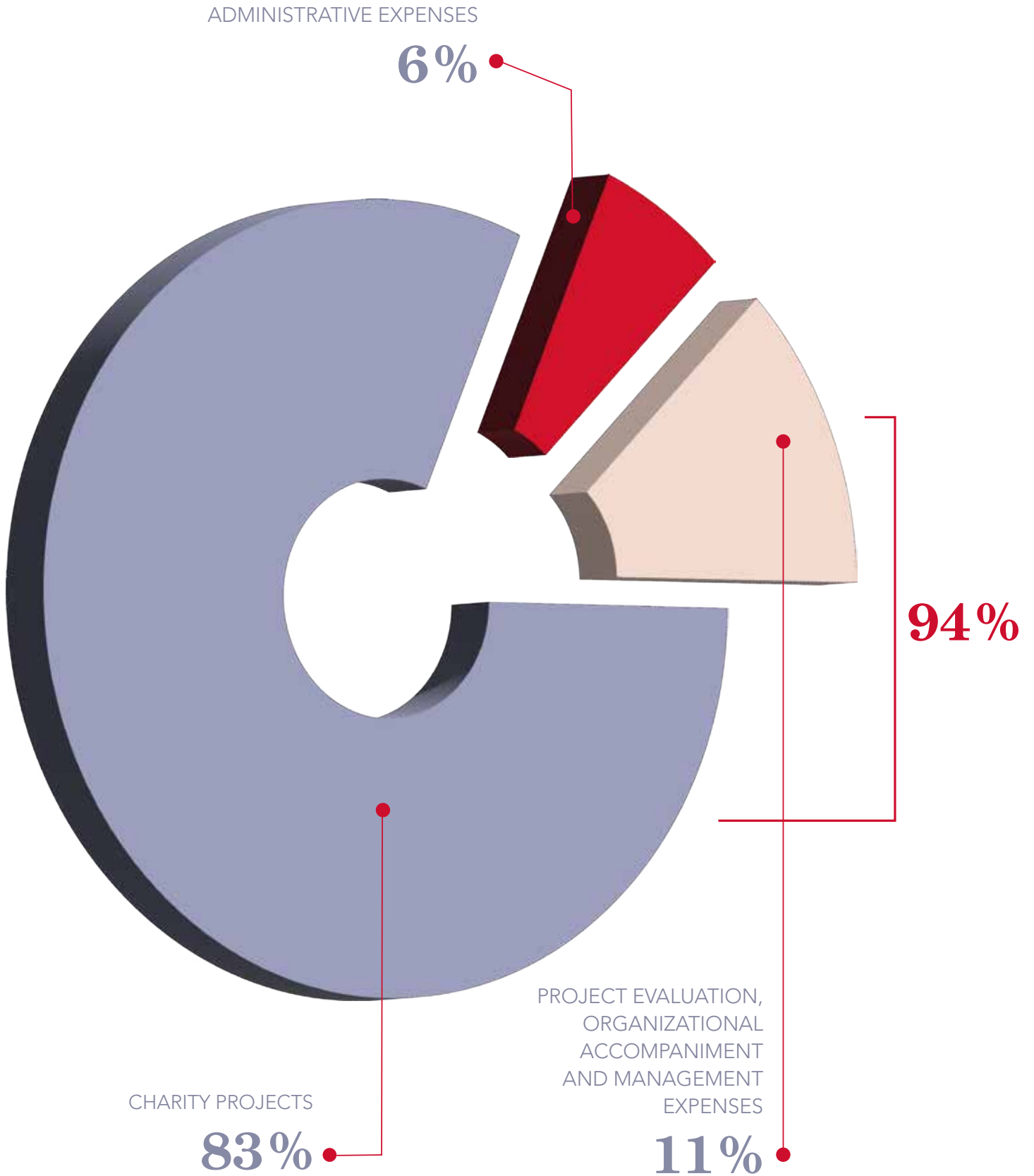
The congregation has sisters throughout the country who offer essential social services such as schools, medical clinics, residences for the elderly and orphans and other services for the Haitian population. This provincial house located in the Haitian capital Port-au-Prince, is an important hub for the sisters to meet, receive trainings and ensure that their works are meeting the needs of those who need them most.

Despite several challenges, including the onset of the pandemic, insecurity in the capital and a shortage of materials, the project was completed in 2022, to the immense pleasure of the sisters who have this new home to live in. The main building features 45 rooms and includes a refectory, a library, a parlour, a sports room, a warehouse, offices and other administrative spaces. There is also an adjoining 10-room residence for staff.

This new residence will provide the sisters with a safe and optimal environment that will allow them to pursue their works well into the future.



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PROJECTS

BY AREA OF ACTION

AGRICULTURE



COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Benin	Bénin Enfants Sains	Installation of a chicken coop and a market garden in Grand Popo
Burundi	Fondation Mains Ouvertes	Support for beekeeping production in Kayogoro commune
Central African Republic	Sœurs Oblates Apostoliques de Notre-Dame de Lourdes	Support for the food security of orphans in Bangui
Democratic Republic of Congo	Association des Volontaires pour l'Autopromotion Rurale	Support for food security for families in the community of Mbanza-Ngungu
Haiti	Solidarité des Jeunes de Thomonde	Support for goat production in Goyave commune
Haiti	Institut séculier Les Compagnes de Jésus	Enhancing production capacity at the Bethléem farm in Léogâne commune
Haiti	Petits Frères de Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus	Support for goat production, for the benefit of disadvantaged children in Belle-Fontaine
Kenya	Consolata Missionaries	Installation of a pig pen in Kamiti
Nicaragua	Instituto de promoción humana de Somoto	Support for food security for families in the community of Yalaguina
Tanzania	Consolata Missionaries	Installation of a chicken coop in Mjimwema
Tanzania	Tanzania League of the Blind Uyui Branch	Installation of solar-powered pumps in the Tabora region

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EDUCATION

COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Benin	Sœurs Notre-Dame des Apôtres	Purchase of equipment for a daycare in Cotonou
Brazil	Missionário da Consolata	Support for training in music and IT for Indigenous youth in Raposa
Cameroon	Sœurs Servantes du Sainte-Cœur de Marie	Purchase of furniture and equipment for two schools in Yokadouma
Democratic Republic of Congo	Religieux de Saint-Vincent de Paul	Purchase of furniture for the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul school compound in Kinshasa
Democratic Republic of Congo	Sœurs Missionnaires du Saint-Esprit	Installation of a fence for the Eugénie Caps kindergarten in Pointe-Noire
Democratic Republic of Congo	Sœurs Servantes du Sainte-Cœur de Marie	Purchase of equipment for the Saint-Cœur de Marie kindergarten in Mangai
Democratic Republic of Congo	Missionnaires de la Consolata	Purchase of equipment for an IT centre in Kinshasa
Ecuador	Nuevo Cojimies	Installation of an outdoor gymnasium for the school in Nuevo Cojimies
Haiti	Petits Frères de Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus	Acquisition of educational materials for the schools of the Petits Frères de Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant-Jésus
Haiti	Foyer de l'espérance	Purchase of equipment for a foster home for youth in Port-au-Prince
Haiti	Sœurs Salésiennes de Don Bosco	Installation of a fence for an orphanage in Gommiers-Jérémie
Kenya	Society of Donum Dei	Expansion of the Saint Theresa professional training institute in Nairobi
Kenya	Vision of the Good Samaritan	Purchase of equipment for an audiovisual lab for youth in Nairobi
Mali	Sœurs de la Charité Saint-Louis	Purchase of IT equipment for the Saint-Louis school compound in Banankoro
Peru	Hermanas de Santa Cruz	Purchase of IT equipment for libraries in Tacna, Puno and Mocachi
Peru	Hermanos de la Caridad - Fracarita Latin America	Purchase of furniture and sanitary equipment for an educational centre for youth living with a disability in Comas
Senegal	L'Association pour la Démarcation au Sénégal de l'Ordre des Écoles Pies	Support for IT training at Collège de Sokone
South Africa	Masithuthukisane Community Organisation	Expansion of a community centre for children in Pinetown
Togo	Sœurs Notre-Dame des Apôtres	Purchase of equipment for a children's garden in Siou
Togo	Sœurs Notre-Dame des Apôtres	Repair of the fence at the Père Augustin Planque school in Lomé

PROJECTS

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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN



COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Côte d'Ivoire	Missionnaires de la Consolata	Promotion and sale of traditional fabrics to benefit the women of San Pedro
Peru	Siervas de San José	Renovation of an educational/job creation centre for women in Urcos
Senegal	Carrefour International	Organization of socio-economic activities for girls in the Kedougou region

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES



COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Burundi	Université des Grands Lacs	Entrepreneurial training for youth in Bujumbura
Honduras	Asociación San José Obrero	Purchase of material for appliance repair workshop for youth in Choluteca
Madagascar	Madagascar Tourisme Rural	Support for a sustainable and resilient economy in the rural community of Ampahomanitra
Tanzania	Consolata Missionaries	Support for income-generating activities for women living with AIDS in Kimbiji
Tanzania	Consolata Missionaries	Training in rabbit breeding for youth in Kimbiji

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EVANGELIZATION

COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Burkina Faso	Sœurs Notre-Dame des Apôtres	Installation of a solar-powered system at the provincial house in Ouagadougou
Cameroon	Sœurs de l'Enfant Jésus Nicolas Barré	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 3
Cameroon	Filles de la Sainte Famille de Bafoussam	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 2
Cameroon	Les Frères du Sacré-Cœur	Sending of supplies for the residence of religious studies students in Yaoundé
Cameroon	Œuvres des Franciscains de l'Emmanuel	Purchase of furniture for a convent in Kekem
Guinea Conakry	Monastère Saint-Joseph de Séguéya	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 2
Haiti	Sœurs de Saint-Joseph de St-Vallier	Installation of a solar-powered system at a residence for nuns in Cap-Haitien
Haiti	Paroisse Notre-Dame de la Merci	Purchase of sound equipment for the Paroisse Notre-Dame de la Merci in Virgile
Honduras	Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Los Ángeles	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 1
Honduras	Seminario Nuestra Señora de Las Gracias	Renovations of the Nuestra Señora de Las Gracias seminary
Honduras	Hermanas de MARILAM	Support for the program «Building peace in one's self and one's environment»
Honduras	Asociación San José Obrero	Renovation of the parish hall in Namasigüe
India	Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration Sisters	Addition of a sitting room and a guest room at the Kizhavaneri Monastery
Peru	Religiosas Hospitalarias de San José	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 2
Rwanda	Franciscaines Missionnaires de Marie	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 3
Rwanda	Réseau des anciens étudiants de l'Institut de formation humaine intégrale de Montréal	Support for the program «Building peace in one's self and one's environment»
Rwanda	Franciscaines Missionnaires de Marie	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 2
Rwanda	Congrégation des Sœurs Abizeramariya	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 1
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Rwanda	Congrégation des Sœurs Abizeramariya	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 1
Togo	Abbaye de l'Assomption de Dzogbegan	Training in vulnerable communities – Immersion year 3

PROJECTS

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HEALTH



COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Benin	Association Saint-Camille-de-Lellis	Acquisition of medical equipment for the Saint-Camille clinic in Tokan
Burkina Faso	Sœurs Notre-Dame des Apôtres	Acquisition of medical equipment for the Centre Béthanie in Fada N'gourma
Cameroon	Association Servantes de Jésus	Supplying medical equipment for the medical centre in Ebebda
Central African Republic	Sœurs Dominicaines Missionnaires d'Afrique	Supplying of medical and sanitation materials in Bangui
Côte d'Ivoire	Sœurs Notre-Dame des Apôtres	Repair of fence and sanitary installations at the Internat Notre-Dame des Apôtres in Gagnoa
Democratic Republic of Congo	Religieux de Saint-Vincent de Paul	Acquisition of IT equipment for the Saint-Vincent de Paul medical centre in Kinshasa
Democratic Republic of Congo	Fondation Sève de Vie	Expansion of the medical centre in Kalunda
Ecuador	Junta de Beneficencia de Guayaquil	Sending of medical equipment for Luis Vernaza hospital in Guayaquil
Guatemala	Asociación para la Promoción, Investigación y Educación en Salud En el Occidente de Guatemala	Human rights training for victims of sexual violence in Quetzaltenango
Nicaragua	Hogar de Ancianos Divina Misericordia	Repair of washrooms in Divina Misericordia seniors' residence in Boaco
Peru	Ayni Desarrollo	Promotion of rights and of sexual and reproductive health with Indigenous adolescents in Echarate and Kumpirushiato
Uganda	St. Mary's Hospital Lacor	Acquisition of monitors for COVID-19 related treatment at the hospital
Uganda	St. Mary's Hospital Lacor	Bolstering of the COVID-19 treatment unit at the hospital

PROJECTS

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RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Central African Republic	Paroisse St. Joseph de Markounda	Installation of solar panels at the Centre Aïta in Markounda
Haiti	Fondation pour le Développement Économique et Social	Support for energy self-sufficiency for women in the agro-processing sector in Labrousse
Senegal	Nébéday	Promotion of agroforestry and new technologies producing minimal GHG emissions on the Saloum Islands



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WATER AND SANITATION



COUNTRY	LOCAL PARTNER	PROJECT TITLE
Brazil	Missionário da Consolata	Drilling of a well with solar-powered pump in Uiramuta
Burkina Faso	Association Actions Solidarités et Fraternelles pour les Pauvres	Drilling of a well and installation of a water tower in Nionko
Cameroon	Frères Franciscains de l'Emmanuel	Drilling of a well with solar-powered pump and installation of a water tower in Kekem
Cameroon	Diocèse de Bafang	Drilling of a well and installation of a water tower in Banka
Cameroon	Hôpital Saint Rosaire de Mbalmayo	Provision of drinking water supply to the Hôpital Saint Rosaire in Mbalmayo
Cameroon	Alternatives Durables pour le Développement	Provision of drinking water supply in three villages in the Lekie department
Cameroon	Sœurs Servantes du Saint-Cœur de Marie	Drilling of a well with electric pump and installation of a water tower in Yaoundé
Democratic Republic of Congo	Religieux de Saint-Vincent de Paul	Drilling of a well and installation of a water tower in Mpumbu
Democratic Republic of Congo	Association des Jeunes Amis du Développement	Installation of a drinking water system in Yenga
Ethiopia	Vita	Provision of drinking water supply in the Amhara region
Haiti	Centre Inter-Instituts de Formation Religieuse	Installation of a water purification system at the religious formation centre in Port-au-Prince
Haiti	Fondation pour le Développement Économique et Social	Installation of a drinking water system in Fonds Arabie
Haiti	Petits Frères de Sainte Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus	Installation of a drinking water system in Brossard
Honduras	Asociación para el Desarrollo Económico, Científico y Tecnológico	Installation of a drinking water system in El Jocote, Cayanini
India	SOPAR - Bala Vikasa	Installation of a water purification system in the rural villages of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh et Maharashtra
Kenya	Consolata Missionaries	Installation of a solar-powered borehole system for the seminary's formation centre in Langala
Madagascar	Les Petites Franciscaines de Marie	Provision of drinking water supply to Collège Sainte-Claire in Morafenobe
Peru	Asociación Alas de Esperanza	Installation of a drinking water system in Nueva Galilea

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