



Helping youth build a  
better future

Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2018



The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund  
Salesians of Don Bosco

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*Our Mission is to support the vocational teaching of underprivileged young people in developing countries, for employment opportunities and self-sufficient contributing members of their nation.*



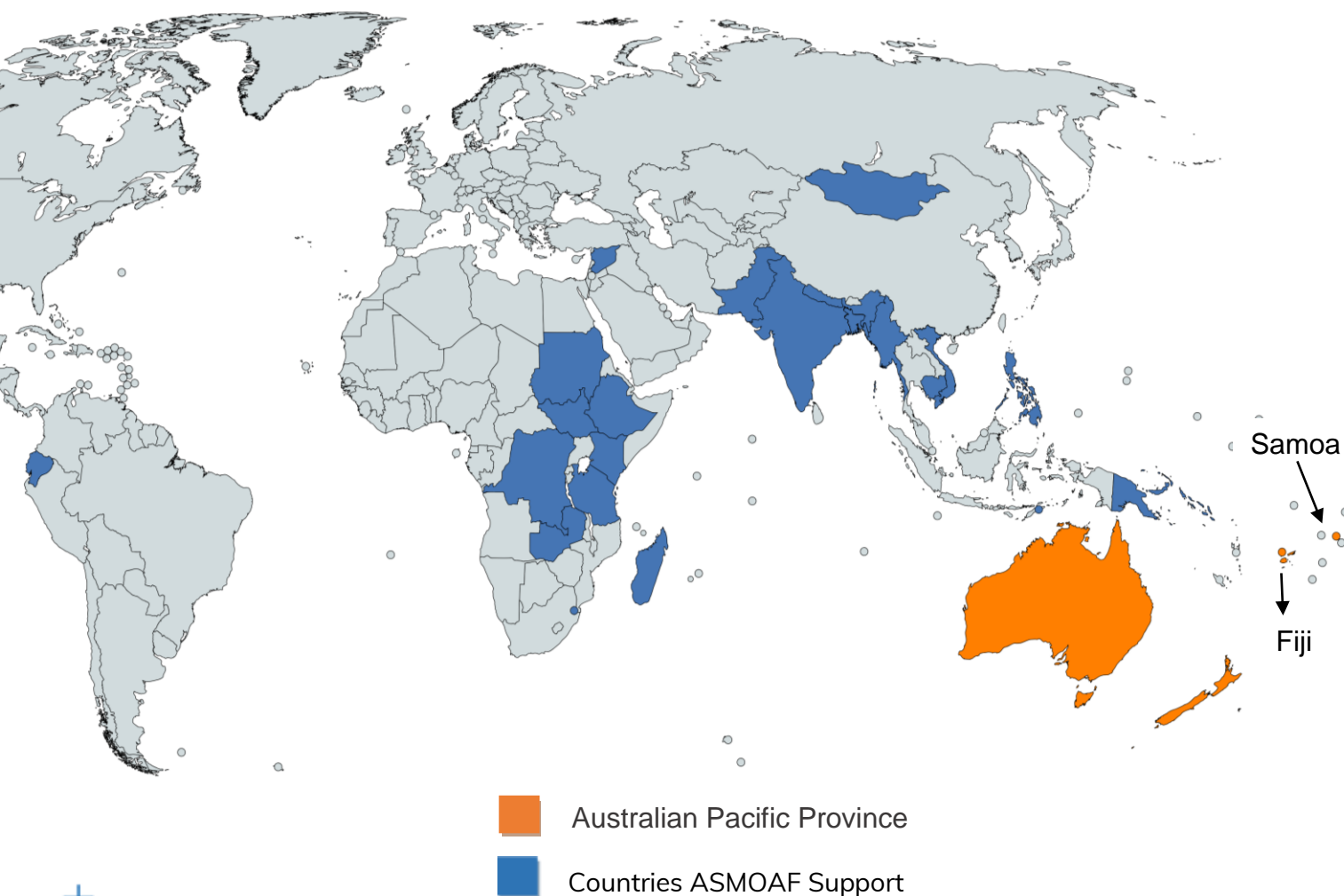
The Salesians of Don Bosco are working in 132 countries with a large contingent of about 28,000 committed religious men, women, volunteers and others. Salesians are located in many of the world's "trouble spots" and are endeavouring to help people better their lives.

Salesian works include schools (academic, technical, agricultural), school luncheon programs, orphanages, workshops for unemployed youth, emergency programs and accommodation for street children, drilling for water, running dispensaries and providing assistance to the disadvantaged.

Aid and services are also provided directly to people in need of benevolent relief from human poverty, sickness or helplessness as a result of natural disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes, droughts and floods.

ASMOAF's primary function is to assist Salesians in developing countries in their work for the alleviation of poverty by providing financial assistance through the donations received from our many generous donors for which we are grateful. Most of these undertakings are facilitated through the Don Bosco schools that are well regarded in their local communities.

Our aim is to enable our partners to be more effective in the schools, orphanages and other centres in which they operate.





# Our Governing Board

ASMOAF's Governing Board meet monthly, serving in a voluntary capacity. They are:



**Fr William Matthews, M Theol (MCD), Dip Ed (ACU) - Chairman**

Fr William Matthews, Chairman, is Provincial of the Salesian Australian Pacific Province. He is a former Rector and Teacher at both Salesian College Rupertswood, Sunbury, and St Joesph's College Ferntree Gully, Vic. He is a former Chaplain and Teacher at Xavier College, Gawler, SA. He is a Chaplain to Myanmar Migrants and Refugees and an IT Multi Media Consultant.



**Fr Bernard Graham, M.A. (ACU), M.Ed. (ACU) - Deputy Chairman**

Fr Bernard Graham, Deputy Chairman, is Vice Provincial and Youth Ministry Delegate for the Australian Pacific Province. He is a former Principal of St John Bosco College, Engadine NSW, Dominic College Glenorchy Tas and Nagle College Bairnsdale Vic. He has visited ASMOAF sponsored projects in Fiji and Samoa.



**Fr Anthony Nguyen, B Theol (MCD), M Ed (ACU)**

Fr Anthony Quang is Provincial Economist (Executive Officer of the Salesian Society in Australia). He is Parish Priest of St Margaret Mary's Brunswick North, Vic and Editor of Dan Chau Magazine. He has made regular visits to ASMOAF-sponsored projects in Vietnam over the past ten years.



**Fr Phillip Gleeson, D Theol (MCD), M Ed (ACU) B Letters (Monash)**

Fr Phillip Gleeson is Rector and Dean of Studies of Don Bosco House, Clifton Hill, Vic and International Centre of Salesian Studies. He is a former Principal of Dominic College, Glenorchy, Tas. He has visited ASMOAF sponsored projects in Fiji and Samoa.



**Br Michael Harris, Dip Art & Design (Swinburne)**

Br Michael is stationed at Don Bosco Technical School and Vocational Centre Salelologa, Samoa. He is a former Director of Don Bosco Youth Hostel Brooklyn Park, SA, and has had extensive experience in the educational programs for disadvantaged youth and the supervision of staff. He has visited ASMOAF sponsored projects in Fiji and Samoa.



**Fr Petelo Vito - Pau, B Theol (MCD)**

Fr Petelo Vito - Pau is Provincial Councillor, Delegate for the Pacific and Rector Salesian Community Alafua, Samoa, and he is a former Principal of Don Bosco Technical Centre, Alafua, Samoa.

# Our Team



**Br Michael Lynch, Director**  
**B Ec (Monash), M Ed (Harvard)**

Br Michael Lynch is Director of ASMOAF. A former Principal of a University College and Secondary Colleges, he has been directly involved in overseas relief and development projects for the past 23 years.



**Mrs Olga Elliott, Office Manager**

Mrs Olga Elliott who has worked with ASMOAF for 39 years, has made a tremendous contribution to the efficient and smooth running of the office.



**Ms Tina Newton, Finance**  
**B.Bus (VUT), Assoc. Dip Bus.**

Ms Tina Newton is now in her ninth year at ASMOAF. Her background and experience in both the corporate and voluntary sectors, has made her a valued member of the team.



Dominic College Glenorchy, Tasmania held its annual breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day. Approximately 240 people were present as special guest and old scholar Effie Pryer eloquently described her journey thus far as a young artist.

As a part of the breakfast, funds were raised for the empowerment of women in less fortunate places. Over \$2,500 was put toward scholarships to support the cause of young girls in Salelologa, Samoa,

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

The spirit of humanity amazes me at many times as a large number of human beings are prepared to give a hand to those in need. Humans by nature cannot stand idle when trouble strikes those around them. Helping the less fortunate also displays a true Christian spirit in the name of God, who is love.

Don Bosco from humble beginnings in Italy established the Salesian Family to enable the education of the poor, which has now also spread throughout the world. Educating the young ones will guarantee a brighter future not only for themselves but for all.

I am so pleased to have witnessed the outstanding work of the Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund under the direction of Br Michael Lynch SDB, who is ably supported by Ms Olga Elliott and Ms Tina Newton.

This small team handles all your contributions for those in need all over the world including our very own Samoa and Fiji mission stations.

I can assure you that your generous donations are handled efficiently and carefully by members of ASMOAF so that the maximum amounts of your generous donations reach the poor at different destinations.

While I commend the works and thank sincerely the members of ASMOAF, may I also express my genuine gratitude to you, in the name of St. John Bosco, for your unwavering support.

May God bless you and all your loved ones for your generosity.

With much gratitude,

Fr William Matthews SDB  
Provincial  
18 May 2018



During a celebration of St John Bosco's birthday at St Margaret Mary's Parish, Brunswick, a raffle was held, raising enough funds to provide scholarships for two underprivileged students at the Don Bosco schools in Samoa. (Aug 2018). Sr Marguerite Nguyen (left), Fr Anthony Quang (centre) and Fr William Matthews.

## STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that I share with you our 2018 Annual Report.

By highlighting some of the Salesian programs undertaken via ASMOAF you can learn how your generous gifts make a true difference.

Thanks to you the Salesians continue to provide life-changing education, social programs, and humanitarian aid to disadvantaged communities.

This report is a testament of our commitment – and yours – that the welfare of children in need is always our key objective.

Thanks to your generous spirit, Salesians have helped give dignity and purpose to thousands of youth who have only known poverty and despair.

The major Salesian thrust is in education: *helping youth use their talents for the benefit of others, acquire the skills for employment and a career.* In so many parts of the world I have observed Salesians giving real hope to large numbers of young people. The young are cared for in a supportive environment, while learning vital skills that give them a sense of self-confidence and independence.

From our Christian heritage I appreciate that God created all of us for a purpose; and that our talents are to be used to assist others. **On our own we can only do so much, but together we can do much more.**

It is a great privilege to have been given the opportunity to assist with overseas aid and development: to play a part in providing resources to help those in need to help themselves. I am pleased to be involved in this meaningful and rewarding work.

It is my deep hope that together we can continue to address the devastating effects poverty has on millions of marginalized youth around the globe.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Br Michael Lynch  
Director  
24 May 2019



Br Michael Lynch with Sr Assunta Colussi visiting from Kenya, Africa (Nov 2018)





# OUR VALUES

## As Salesians we draw our inspiration from Catholic Social Teaching.

**Human dignity** - We recognise the sacredness of life and that every person has inherent dignity and worth. Our human rights and responsibilities are founded in this essential, shared human dignity.

**The common good** - We have responsibility for one another in our life together, and are called to work for the common good of all. We advocate for a just society in which all people, particularly the vulnerable and marginalised, are able to flourish and meet their needs.

**Subsidiarity and Participation** - The capacity and capabilities of people and communities ought to be respected, with decisions made at the lowest local level possible. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in and contribute to decision processes that closely affect them.

**Solidarity** - Humans are social by nature and depend on one another. We seek to stand in unity with each other, particularly those who are powerless or disadvantaged, and recognise each persons' rights regardless of national, religious, ethnic, economic, political and ideological differences.

**Preferential care for the poor** - Caring for the poor is the responsibility of all, the needs of the socially disadvantaged and vulnerable are to be prioritised.

**Economic justice** - Life is not solely meant for profit, but rather in service of the entire human community. All that are capable should be involved in economic activity and should be able to draw from work, the means for providing for themselves and their family.

**Stewardship of creation** - We care for the earth, recognising that all of creation is interconnected and we are part of and dependent on the environment. Pope Francis has recently referred to this as integral ecology.

**These principles are the basis of our dedication to the preservation and protection of Human Rights for all: enabling people to realise their rights and assist those responsible for upholding such rights as equality, freedom from discrimination and access to education.**



# Principles and Accountability

ASMOAF supports a range of education projects in developing countries, enabling many economically poor young people to acquire employable skills.

## PRIVACY

We are committed to protecting the privacy of donors and correspondents. Any information provided to us remains private and confidential. Our contact list is not rented, sold or exchanged.

## PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

ASMOAF has high standards of accountability both in its domestic organisation and for overseas partners. ASMOAF insists that overseas partners be accountable for funds they receive from its office. When money is transferred, an acknowledgment of receipt is required. Project reports are then requested at appropriate intervals, documenting project expenditure and identifying project outcomes.

## CHILD PROTECTION

ASMOAF's Child Protection Policy was drawn up in 2010 and reviewed in 2017. It has been implemented locally; each member of staff has a copy and the mandatory police checks have been completed satisfactorily.

All our overseas partners have been advised of the ASMOAF Child Protection Policy and its requirements for the safety and best interests of children;

- the rights of the child are paramount;
- compliance is mandatory; and
- the local Provincials of the Salesians and the Salesian Sisters will oversee its administration.

All ASMOAF's overseas partners are required to "sign off" on the Child Protection Policy as a condition of receiving ASMOAF funds.

The ASMOAF Child Protection Policy (CCP) has been well received by all our stakeholders. Our partners in Salesian orphanages, schools and community centres, are required to ensure that their staff is well briefed on safeguarding. They conduct regular training programs and run sessions for students on their rights, responsibilities and ability to speak out.



Girls from Laura Vicuna Orphanage Laga, Timor Leste, attending a training session on safeguarding and their rights conducted by the Salesian Sisters. (Sept 2018)

## GENDER EQUITY

ASMOAF is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment, and accepts that it has a responsibility to create an environment free of discrimination, victimisation, sexual harassment and vilification - in accordance with the articles of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act (1995) regarding staff appointments and management, and with the Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. Code of Conduct, Sex Discrimination and Harassment policies.

The principle of gender equity is also underlined in ASMOAF's Working Agreement with overseas partners with regard to the distribution of funds. (Our partners abroad are mostly Salesians [priests and brothers] and Salesian Sisters.

## ACFID

ASMOAF is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), an association of non-government organisations in Australia working in the field of international aid and development.



ASMOAF is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct which specifies standards in organisational integrity, governance, communication with the public, finances, personnel and management practice. Our financial reports comply with the standards set by the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information, the ACFID Code can be found at [www.acfid.asn.au](http://www.acfid.asn.au)

ASMOAF reviews annually its compliance to the ACFID Code of Conduct principles and procedures.

We are committed to full adherence of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

## COMPLAINTS

We welcome complaints to improve the way we work and help us to achieve better outcomes in the communities in which we work. In accordance with ACFID's Code of Conduct, ASMOAF has a Complaints Policy.

Donors, partners or any beneficiary of ASMOAF projects who wish to complain about any aspect of ASMOAF's management and procedures, should lodge the complaint in writing and forward it to the Chairman of ASMOAF's Governing Board;

The Chairman  
ASMOAF Governing Board  
Salesian Province Centre  
P O Box 264  
ASCOT VALE Vic 3032

Our Complaints Policy is on our website. Complaints about Code of Conduct breaches should be directed to:

The Chairman  
ACFID Code of Conduct  
Locked Bag 3  
DEAKIN ACT 2600

Our primary function is to assist Salesians in developing countries in their work for the alleviation of poverty and the promotion of development, by providing funds for Don Bosco schools which are well regarded in their local communities.

## 2018 OVERVIEW

The overwhelming majority of the projects supported by ASMOAF in 2018 were **continuing projects**. ASMOAF's partners are, in the main, Salesians or Salesian Sisters in the respective developing country. It is they who initiate projects in response to a specific local need or request and then organise the administration with local personnel.

The projects are mostly schools, education centres for training in employment skills, orphanages, refuges for street children, medical clinics, health and nutrition centres.

Salesians responsible for these works request assistance from ASMOAF to help with the running costs and the provision of equipment and materials.

- ASMOAF has a very close relationship with its partners. Donors continued to support various Salesian projects.
- Programs conducted by the Salesian Sisters for the education of girls and the promotion of women were supported by ASMOAF.
- Overseas shipments in 2018 consisted of Six containers loaded with agricultural equipment, donated school furniture and classroom materials were freighted to Timor-Leste and one to the Solomon Islands.
- The Don Bosco Brunswick Opportunity Shop continued to provide school materials for Timor-Leste it is staffed by 47 volunteers.
- ASMOAF relies on the services of volunteers; some organise fundraising activities; others help with the collection, packing and loading of school materials and other goods in containers for Timor Leste.

## Our Challenge

Our partners, in the main are involved in education, the care of the marginalised street children and orphans. They are highly respected in their local communities. Regularly we receive requests of assistance to help sustain or expand their work; they are frequently asked to widen and expand their projects. However, they are limited by the availability of resources – both trained personnel and the materials needed for the work. ASMOAF's challenge is to generate additional funds to enable a positive response.



## SAMOA:

*The two Don Bosco schools in Samoa: the Technical Centre at Alafua and the High School/Vocational Centre at Salelologa cater for students whose parents, in the main, struggle financially. The costs involved in technical education and running the two schools requires financial assistance from outside sources.*

### Don Bosco Co-educational High School and Vocational School, Salelologa.

The High School and Vocational centre in Salelologa offer co-educational placements to over 300 students, many of which live in remote villages and can only attend by catching the school bus. The school boasts some excellent facilities, which are also used by the community and as a venue for inter-school sporting competitions held against other schools in the area.

Recently, the Samoa Observer newspaper held its Samoan Schools Short Story competition, which has prize divisions for each level of high school in both Samoan and English languages. In their article about this event, it was said that “it was evident from a massive block of yellow and green uniforms that students from Don Bosco dominated in numbers at the prize giving”!

The teachers were pleased with the results and pointed out that last year “we had nine students who placed (in the standings) and this year we had 13 indicating a good sign of improvement from our students.” Two students even finished in first place of their respective brackets!



Students from Don Bosco Salelologa (Feb 2018)



Don Bosco Samoa - Students in the workshop (Feb 2018)

## Don Bosco Technical Centre Alafua.

Now in its 30th year the Technical Centre in Alafua caters for young men (aged 16-22), who have not been able to complete mainstream schooling, due to poverty, prior drop-outs or other serious family and social problems.

Recently, the centre extended the duration of work experience from two weeks to four weeks. This has already seen success; four students who have been studying plumbing and sheet metal so impressed the Samoan Water Authority with their know-how and dedication that they were offered work immediately! This trend has been backed by a study conducted by the Samoan Qualification Authority, which also found that the Technical School has the highest number of graduates that go on to be enrolled in the private sector!

The Technical Centre places an emphasis on building confidence, self-esteem, teamwork and a love of culture through singing and dancing; two means of expression and storytelling that are deeply ingrained into the Samoan psyche. The school has gained such a reputation for the quality and depth in these fields that the Samoan Prime Minister Tuilaepa Malielegaoi went so far as to say “the staff and students have breathed new life into the traditional dance of Samoa!”



### **Mauluuluu Maululu -**

Mauluuluu graduated from the Technical Centre Alafua 20 years ago. Prior to this he had been raised by his unemployed grandparents, alongside his 6 other siblings – money was scarce. However, with the necessary skills attained, he managed to secure a job in the building industry and later worked his way up to where he is now - the Operations Manager of Silva Constructions!



## FIJI, New Beginnings

The Islands of Fiji are seen by many as a beautiful holiday destination surrounded by pristine beaches, coral reefs, a laidback atmosphere and welcoming locals. However, Fiji is also a nation experiencing many challenges. It has a youthful population with 44 per cent under the age of 25 of which a significant proportion of the young adults are unemployed and homeless.

The Salesians have been in Fiji since 1999. They have a House of Studies for students mainly from the Pacific who attend the local seminary and teachers' college. For these Salesians the "outreach" to date has been focused on local primary schools, an orphanage and nearby villages.

Currently, the Salesians are in the process of constructing a large multi-purpose Community and Youth Centre, the first of its type. An update on the progress was given by Fr Mikaele Leilua, Parish Priest;

*"The foundations for the newly established parish and multipurpose Youth and Educational Centre in Nasinu have been completed. The steel frames will be erected for the walls and the roof. We are hopeful the centre will be completed well before Christmas 2019.*

*This is such a large space that many can benefit from the centre, which is also situated next door to a shopping mall!*

*The multipurpose hall will draw youth off the street, offer them quality time with their friends in an environment where life skills, teamwork, games, sporting facilities and educational programs will keep them away from disruptive and unlawful behaviour. A positive environment helps to build confidence and assist in employment opportunities for a variety of pathways; volunteer work, vegetable growing projects or receive support and encouragement to pursue full or part time training.*

*When families from the country relocate into Suva, usually only one member finds work, whilst the others are left idle. Our aim is to draw these youthful members into a constructive and happy environment where they can make use of the facilities and programs on offer."*

Fiji Community "outreach program" (Aug 2017)





# Bringing positive change to Timor Leste through Education

## Don Bosco Technical School, Fatumaca

Carpentry, mechanical, electrical and electronics is well established at Don Bosco Fatumaca. Motherboard replacement and reprogramming for modern televisions training was provided by repairing local people's broken sets. This current new technology will prepare the students for future job opportunities.

The workshop has had its 40-year-old roof replaced with Headland Red Roofing material from Australia. Funding for training materials, school fees and scholarships for boys and girls were also provided by ASMOAF.

## Don Bosco Agricultural School, Fuloro

The School has 1000 students from Elementary to Senior Secondary. It is a major centre of education in the Lospalos district. School buildings, however, are in urgent need of renovations; some are more than 50 years old with roof and ceiling needing replacement. In the past year work was done on up-grading the dormitories; there is still work to be done in the bathrooms. Donations have been directed to the running costs of the school, namely for student fees, scholarships, and transport costs as well as vehicle maintenance.

The agricultural programme is proceeding well; goods produced on the farm are consumed in the boarding house.

Fr Antonio Trans Pinto, Rector



Student in the Fields of the Don Bosco Agricultural School, Fuloro (Sept 2017)



## Laura Vicuna Orphange, Laga

New bedding, including 118 mattresses were purchased to combat the bedbug problem that had gone out of control and produced inflamed skin conditions for the children. The rooms were stripped and fumigated. Beds were repainted and new methods used to control the problem. There are 110 orphans who live here and they are very grateful to our donor friends in Shepparton and Sydney who actively supported this project.



Student from Laura Vicuna Orphange, Laga (Mar 2018)

## Salesian Sisters' Medical Clinic

The provision of medical assistance to the poor in the remote villages of Venilale, is a lifesaving service for over 9300 patients, who otherwise would have no access to 21st century remedies. Milk powder was provided for undernourished babies as well as baby boxes given to new mothers. Counselling and health training was also offered. Medicines were provided to those with tuberculosis, malaria, skin conditions and other health issues. Poor patients who required hospitalisation were transported for further consultations. Sr Yasintha Hoar, Co-ordinator

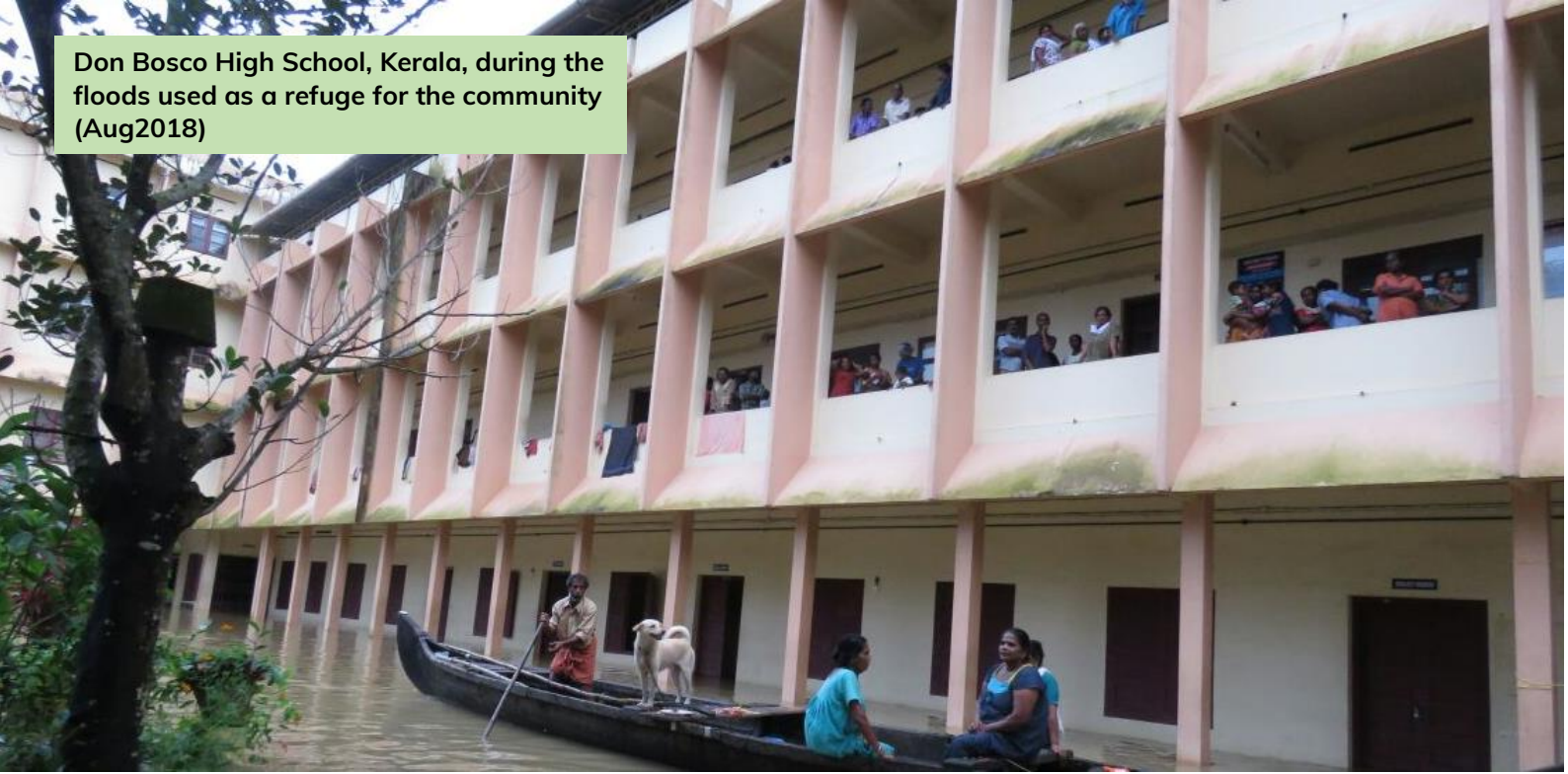
## Don Bosco Co-educational Technical School, Maliana.

With the generous support of the Montagner-Zembruzuski Family Foundation, the Don Bosco Technical School had a basketball court built and covered – 'a hall without a wall' and the roof replaced on the boy's dormitory. The hall is used for student group learning activities and sport. The local community and youth groups also benefit from this facility. A training seminar was held for the Electrical Trade teachers and participants from the Don Bosco schools in Comoro and Fatumaca; certificates were presented at the conclusion of the training.

Students from Don Bosco Maliana, Timor Leste in the "a hall without walls". (Sept 2018)



Don Bosco High School, Kerala, during the floods used as a refuge for the community (Aug2018)



## INDIA - Don Bosco is a refuge during Kerala Floods

Located on the Southern tip of India, the State of Kerala was hit in August by its worst monsoon in almost a century.

After several days of heavy rain, floodwaters, bursting dams and landslides combined to cause severe damage. The death toll reached almost 400, with another 800,000 people displaced, many forced to take up refuge in makeshift camps.

Local Salesians from Don Bosco Vaduthala opened a relief camp at Don Bosco School and Youth Centre for the people affected by floods. There were over 6000 people from more than 1400 families who registered in the camp within the first week. Don Bosco, along with the government, local people and NGOs collected water, food, clothes, medicines and emergency articles and distributed them to the people. Medical check-ups were organised to prevent epidemics and for emergency health needs.

A further nine Schools participated by providing shelter, counselling and sleeping kits, in total the Don Bosco Schools and Community reached out to almost 40,000 displaced people. Salesian and locals arranged boats from fisherman to reach out to those affected, distributing items to over 4000 people in two days.

There have been at least 35 landslides, damaging or destroying over 35,000 homes. Among these are several Salesian Communities and schools, including the Don Bosco School in Angamaly, which dealt with waters as high as 2 metres. People associated with the school who were caught out by the floods were forced to take refuge in the second floor of the school as it had become quite isolated due to its proximity to a river.

The second phase of the relief and rehabilitation efforts have commenced with the cleaning of houses and providing essential household items. The rebuilding of Kerala will take many years.



# VIETNAM

During the past year funds received from Australian donors earmarked for Vietnam were allocated to various relief projects,

- In the Nghe An Province, Central Vietnam, the disabled and elderly were assisted. When some old homes were repaired, the local community became energised, which in turn inspired the students to strive for a better life.
- Dilapidated houses of poor families were repaired at Go Vap and Binh Phuoc.
- In Thu Duc district, Ho Chi Minh City, full time and partial scholarships for disadvantaged children were offered. Tutoring was given to enhance quality learning for those children who showed promise. Some teachers were employed to improve the task of coordination and supervision as there had been no previous personnel to do this.
- Patients in Thi Xa La Gi region received dialysis and anuria treatment. A number of leprosy patients were also given medical attention, whilst people who had suffered from occupational accidents were assisted with their individual requirements. Some bicycles for poor young people were purchased to enable them to travel to school or for jobs.



Children attending the Tutoring Program (Jun 2018)

## COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER - GIFTS-IN-KIND

Since 2002 Salesian Missions has been sending relief goods, school furniture and school materials in containers to Timor Leste with at least five being sent each year. The containers are loaded at Salesian College Chadstone and St Thomas More Parish, Mt Eliza.

At Chadstone, the co-ordinating and packing of the goods and furniture is carried out by Fr Oreste Cantamessa and Br Joe Ellul, whilst at Mt Eliza it is organised by Les Harper and a group of loyal parishioners.

L. Arthur Transport and O'Brien Customs and Forwarding offer their logistic support and assistance in freighting the containers from Melbourne to Dili, for which we are very grateful.



Donations of furniture for the schools in Timor have come from many sources including Salesian College Chadstone, John Paul College Frankston, St Leonard's School Mt Waverley and most recently, Mt St Joseph College Altona.

Special thanks to McLure Removals, Werribee for transporting the Mt St Joseph furniture to Chadstone.

# Financial Snapshot

During 2018 ASMOAF distributed over 1.93 million to Fund International Relief & Education Projects

Students from St Anthony's Baucau, Timor Leste, Luncheon Program. (Sept 2018)



## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Fund during the year were:

- ✓ the provision of financial assistance for ongoing projects in developing countries for the benefit of the underprivileged, especially the young; and
- ✓ the provision of aid directly to people in need of relief.

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

ASMOAF is a Trust Fund owned and operated by Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. ASMOAF attracts support from donors all over Australia. Total revenue raised in 2018 for overseas development work was \$1,885,294, a decrease of \$264,150 on donations received in the previous year. This is mainly due to a decrease in bequests of \$298,146 from the previous year.

Total expenditure was \$2,282,561 which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There was \$804,385 available for distribution in 2018.

The operating result of ASMOAF for the year ended December 31, 2018 was a shortfall of receipts over payments of \$(397,267).

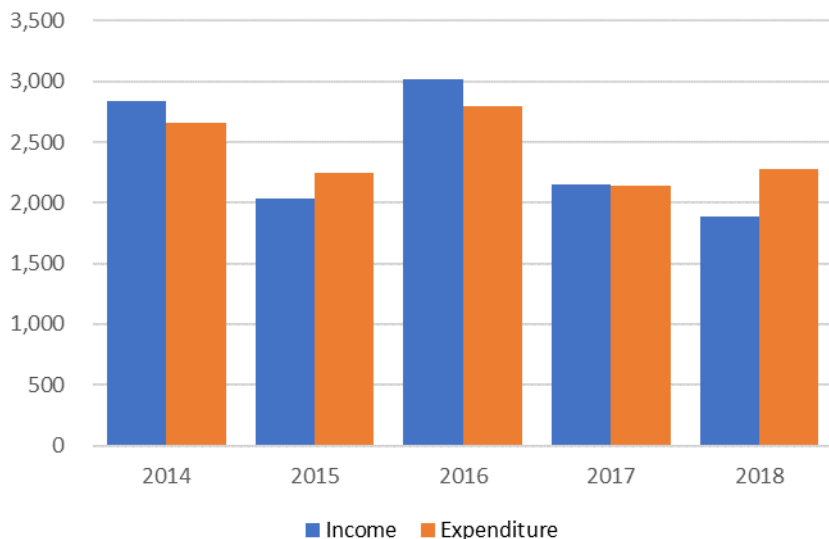
With regard to expenditure: There has been little variation over the years in the funds allocated for (i) development and education, (ii) relief and rehabilitation and (iii) religious purposes. Every effort is made to keep administration costs low.

Funds are raised by requests via -

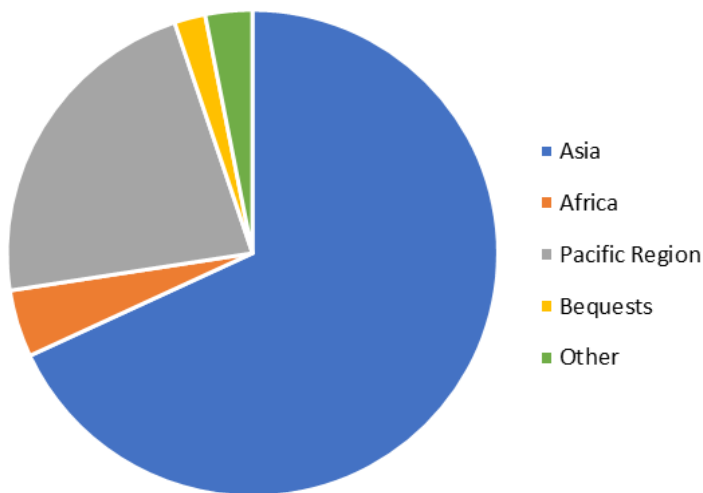
- The annual Salesian Missions Newsletter.
- Direct mail to supporters of specific countries e.g. Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Fiji.
- Fundraisers organised by supporters for a specific project.
- Fundraising activities in schools.
- Special collections in parishes.
- Articles in the *Salesian Bulletin* and Catholic Press.



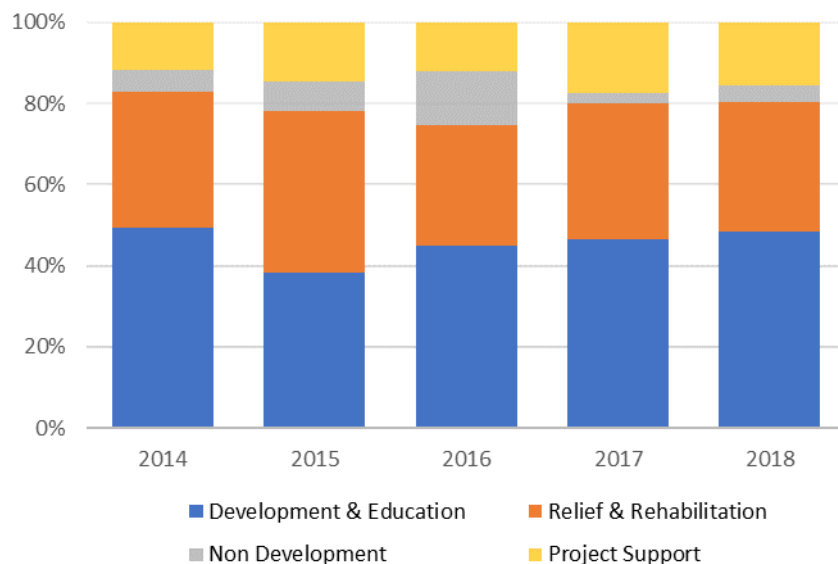
## Income vs Expenditure (000)



## Income by Region %



## Expenditure %



## DONORS' WISHES

More than 90 per cent of the donations received by ASMOAF are earmarked for destinations specified by the donor.

Most donations are for the reduction of poverty through development via education in schools and vocational training centres, the provision of technical services and resources etc.

Donations are received from some donors for non-development activity, which, in our context is for religious purposes, such as the education and training of clergy and/or the building of churches.

ASMOAF has formalised its long-standing practice regarding donations and has drawn up specific guidelines, which, in summary are:

- All donations are receipted.
- Donations for humanitarian relief and development are tax deductible.
- Funds received for religious purposes are clearly delineated, do not qualify for tax deductibility and are clearly delineated in the financial documents and communications.
- ASMOAF will not accept donations for political purposes.
- Donor forms have a "box" to be marked to indicate the intention of the donation.



# Our Financial Statements

Our Commitment to donors is to ensure every effort is made to maximise the value of their contribution. More than 90% of donations received by ASMOAF are earmarked for destinations specified by donors. Donors wishes are respected whilst making sure administration costs are kept low.

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

		2018	2017
		\$	\$
<b>Notes</b>	<b>Revenue</b>		
i	Donations and Gifts		
	-Monetary	1,784,936	1,756,177
ii	Bequests and Legacies	38,548	336,694
		<u>1,823,484</u>	<u>2,092,871</u>
iv	Investment Income	15,373	15,601
v	Revenue for International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	46,437	40,972
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>1,885,294</u>	<u>2,149,444</u>
	<b>Expenditure</b>		
	International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
vi	International Programs		
	- Funds to overseas projects	1,833,031	1,738,875
vii	- Program support costs	25,295	19,586
viii	Community Education	90,098	88,709
ix	Fund raising costs		
	- Public	55,503	57,223
x	Accountability and Administration	181,046	184,059
	Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	<u>2,184,973</u>	<u>2,088,452</u>
	International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	97,588	52,510
xii	Domestic Program Expenditure	0	0
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>2,282,561</u>	<u>2,140,962</u>
	Excess/(Shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	(397,267)	8,482
xiii	Provision for Long Service Leave	0	0
		<u>(397,267)</u>	<u>8,482</u>
	Extraordinary Items		
	Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	1,201,652	1,193,170
xiv	Funds available at the end of the financial year for future use	<u>804,385</u>	<u>1,201,652</u>



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	802,435	1,201,652
Trade and other receivables	1,950	0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>804,385</b>	<b>1,201,652</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>804,385</b>	<b>1,201,652</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	0	0
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>804,385</b>	<b>1,201,652</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
<b>xv</b> Reserves	1,201,652	1,193,170
Retained Earnings	(397,267)	8,482
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>804,385</b>	<b>1,201,652</b>

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2018

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2018	1,201,652	0	0	1,201,652
Adjustments to equity	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	(397,267)	0	0	(397,267)
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance at December 31, 2018</b>	<b>804,385</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>804,385</b>

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2018

Bank Balance January 1, 2018	1,201,652
Debtors	0
Income for the year ended December 31, 2018	1,885,294
	3,086,946
Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2018	2,282,561
<b>Bank Balance December 31, 2018</b>	<b>804,385</b>

## TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Cash available beginning of financial year	Cash raised during financial year	Cash disbursed during financial year	Cash available at end of financial year
<b>Asia</b>				
India	154,065	386,529	428,581	112,013
Timor Leste	346,229	663,659	637,709	372,179
Vietnam	70,250	174,315	242,749	1,816
Nepal	11,884	2,200	11,774	2,310
Philippines	38,024	36,927	50,802	24,149
Pakistan	2,140	3,075	3,486	1,729
Myanmar	55,252	7,343	34,119	28,476
Sri Lanka	6,023	3,575	7,680	1,918
Thailand/Cambodia	5,888	5,890	4,871	6,907
Hong Kong	49	0	0	49
Mongolia	4,834	0	0	4,834
<b>Africa</b>				
Ethiopia	29,214	22,790	35,128	16,876
Mozambique/Congo	10,405	22,200	28,637	3,968
Tanzania/Zambia	743	1,606	129	2,220
Sudan	51,761	23,672	34,703	40,730
Swaziland	137	14,000	14,137	0
Kenya & Matercare	242	0	242	0
<b>Central America</b>				
Guatemala	3,538	11,930	14,476	992
Haiti Earthquake	1,609	0	1,609	0
<b>South America</b>				
Ecuador	2,245	2,375	2,987	1,633
<b>Pacific</b>				
Samoa	81,314	145,421	207,610	19,125
Papua New Guinea	2,096	2,000	4,021	75
Solomon Islands	15,637	49,395	23,081	41,951
Fiji	9,968	223,770	228,245	5,493
<b>North of the Sahara</b>				
Egypt	6,010	4,075	815	9,270
Emergency Fund	1,409	0	0	1,409
General Account	68,511	21,320	44,400	45,431
Bequests	219,296	38,548	201,990	55,854
Cagliari	0	3,306	331	2,975
Interest	2,879	15,373	18,249	3
	<b>1,201,652</b>	<b>1,885,294</b>	<b>2,282,561</b>	<b>804,385</b>



## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Bank Balance January 1, 2018

1,201,652

Income for the year ended December 31, 2018

Breakdown in accordance with donations received and earmarked for Projects in various countries

### Asia

India	386,529
Timor Leste	663,659
Vietnam	174,315
Nepal	2,200
Philippines	36,927
Pakistan	3,075
Myanmar	7,343
Sri Lanka	3,575
Thailand/Cambodia	5,890

### Africa

Ethiopia	22,790
Mozambique/Congo	22,200
Sudan/South Sudan	23,672
Swaziland	14,000
Tanzania/Zambia	1,606

### Central America

Guatemala	11,930
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### South America

Ecuador	2,375
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### Pacific

Samoa	145,421
Papua New Guinea	2,000
Solomon Islands	49,395
Fiji	223,770

### North of the Sahara

Egypt	4,075
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General Account	21,320
Bequests	38,548
Cagliari	3,306
Interest	15,373

1,885,294

**3,086,946**

Expenditure

2,282,561

Bank Balance December 31, 2018

**804,385**



## EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

Payments to Overseas Partners	Administration	Development & Education	Relief & Rehabilitation	Non Development	Total
<b>Asia</b>					
India	0	184,404	138,539	33,840	356,783
Timor Leste	0	225,631	293,391	11,948	530,970
Vietnam	0	0	223,705	11	223,716
Nepal	0	0	11,401	0	11,401
Philippines	0	39,153	9,010	0	48,163
Pakistan	0	2,871	0	0	2,871
Myanmar	0	32,698	0	0	32,698
Sri Lanka	0	3,861	3,450	0	7,311
Cambodia	0	4,375	0	0	4,375
<b>Africa</b>					
Ethiopia	0	9,000	20,470	1,100	30,570
Mozambique/Congo	0	26,861	0	0	26,861
Kenya	0	242	0	0	242
Sudan / South Sudan	0	22,000	8,010	0	30,010
Swaziland	0	11,337	0	0	11,337
<b>Central America</b>					
Swaziland	0	12,090	0	0	12,090
Zambia	0	0	1,609	0	1,609
<b>South America</b>					
Ecuador	0	2,197	100	215	2,512
<b>Pacific</b>					
Samoa	0	174,146	0	3,366	177,512
Papua New Guinea	0	1,936	1,700	85	3,721
Solomon Islands	0	14,000	0	0	14,000
Fiji	0	187,942	0	3,212	191,154
<b>Total Payments to Overseas Partners</b>		<b>954,744</b>	<b>711,385</b>	<b>53,777</b>	<b>1,719,906</b>
(xvi) General Account	0	439	14,838	0	15,277
(xvii) Bequests	0	151,625	0	43,811	195,436
(vii) Project Support Costs	25,295	0	0	0	25,295
(x) Administration	181,046	0	0	0	181,046
(viii) Community Education	90,098	0	0	0	90,098
(ix) Fundraising	55,503	0	0	0	55,503
<b>Total Payments for the year ended December 31, 2018</b>	<b>351,942</b>	<b>1,106,808</b>	<b>726,223</b>	<b>97,588</b>	<b>2,282,561</b>

Note: Expenditure by countries in Table of Cash Movements and Table for Expenditure by Countries do not correlate, as items (vii), (x), (viii), (ix), (xvi), (xvii), (xviii) and (xix) Administration costs need to be considered.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END DEC 31, 2018

<b>I</b>	<b>Donations - \$1,784,936</b>		
	Funds amounting to \$1,708,616 were used for projects in Asia, Africa, Central & South America and the Pacific. \$76,320 was in the form of general donations, of this \$75,950 was for Development and \$370 was for Religious (Non Development) purposes.		
<b>li</b>	<b>Bequests and Legacies</b>		
	\$38,548 was received in bequests for development purposes.		
<b>lii</b>	<b>Grants</b>		
	No Government or other grants were received by ASMOAF during 2018.		
<b>Iv</b>	<b>Investment Income</b>		
	\$15,373 was received by ASMOAF during the year as interest on funds held and invested.		
<b>V</b>	<b>Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs</b>		
	\$46,437 was received for religious purposes - specifically for the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.		
<b>Vi</b>	<b>International Programs</b>		
	\$1,833,031 was allocated for development projects in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Pacific.		
<b>Vii</b>	<b>Program Support Costs - \$25,295</b>		
	Salaries		13,432
	Computer, Internet		3,220
	Printing		173
	Travel		8,470
			<b>25,295</b>
<b>Viii</b>	<b>Community Education - \$90,098</b>		
	Stipends		55,618
	Salesian Bulletin		24,600
	Newsletter		9,880
			<b>90,098</b>
<b>Ix</b>	<b>Fund raising costs - \$55,503</b>	All advertising in 2018 was public. The money was spent on fundraising material and advertisements aimed at securing support for development projects abroad	
	Salaries		40,296
	Newsletter Advertising		9,880
	Printing		519
	Postage		4,808
			<b>55,503</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>Accountability &amp; Administration- \$181,046</b>		
	Costs were incurred for:		
	Salaries		80,591
	Stipends		11,320
	Bank charges		4,300
	Rental		37,000
	Vehicle (inc. petrol)		4,552
	Utilities		2,460
	Printing		1,038
	Postage		1,202
	ACFID Subscription		9,495
	Audit		11,400
	Telephone		3,104
	Stationery & Subscriptions		4,987
	Computer, Internet		7,514
	Professional Development		2,083
			<b>181,046</b>



- xi Expenditure on International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs**  
\$97,588 was transferred for religious purposes, the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.
- xii Domestic Program Expenditure**  
ASMOAF did not fund any domestic projects in 2018.
- xiii Long Service Leave**  
Nil.
- xiv Funds available for future use - \$804,385**  
\$804,385 is available for allocation during 2018.
- xv Reserves**  
Other than the funds available for future use, no other reserves were created in 2018.
- xvi General Account - \$15,277**

Donations to General Missions were allocated in the following manner:

	Admin	Education & Development	Relief & Rehabilitation	Non Development	Total
Bangladesh	0	0	6,667	0	6,667
India	0	439	2,150	0	2,589
Kenya	0	0	1,068	0	1,068
Philippines	0	0	810	0	810
PNG	0	0	310	0	310
Swaziland	0	0	1,673	0	1,673
Vietnam	0	0	2,160	0	2,160
	<b>0</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>14,838</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,277</b>

- xvii Bequests - \$195,436**  
Bequests were distributed to the following countries in accordance with the directions of the bequest donors:

	Development	Non Development	Total
Ecuador	1,983	0	1,983
Fiji	42,859	0	42,859
India	7,980	36,365	44,345
Samoa	0	6,800	6,800
Solomon Islands	3,600	0	3,600
Timor Leste	95,204	646	95,850
	<b>151,625</b>	<b>43,811</b>	<b>195,436</b>

#### Auditor

Mr Kevin F. Jones FCA, Chartered Accountant, of Mulgrave 3170, has been re-appointed auditor of the Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Fund for the year ending December 31, 2019.

30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### **2018 Audit Report**

I, Kevin Francis Jones, Chartered Accountant of 164 Wanda Street, Mulgrave, Victoria, have audited the Financial Reports of the Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. That Report shows Total Equity of \$804,385.

The Salesian Society Inc is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Report and the information contained therein.

I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Report in order to express an opinion on it to the Salesian Society Inc and to Government Bodies requiring such an opinion.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Financial Report is free of material misstatement.

My procedures included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report and the evaluation of accounting policies.

The procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects the Financial Report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Fund's financial position and the results of its operations.

### **Audit Opinion**

In my opinion the Financial Report represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund as at the 31 December 2018 and complies with the format required by the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Yours Faithfully



Kevin F Jones, FCA  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT