



Helping youth build a better future

Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2022



Salesian Missions
AUSTRALIA

The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund
Salesians of Don Bosco

OUR WORK



Don Bosco Salesians are operating in 134 countries which includes many of the world's poorest nations. With a large contingent of about 28,000 committed religious men, women, volunteers and others, through a focus on education and training programs they are endeavouring to help youth and communities build a better future.

Education and Vocational Training

Salesians provide education and support through schools, youth centres and vocational training programs in some of the poorest countries in the world. Through education, underprivileged youth are given a sense of personal dignity and self-worth, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty. Education provides young adults with the skills they need to secure employment and become self-sufficient, contributing members of their nation.

The Gift of Food and Clean Water

All around the world children and families are in desperate need of food and clean water for their everyday survival. With access to clean water for drinking, cooking, washing and bathing, communities encounter fewer illnesses. Luncheon Programs in Salesian Schools reduce child malnutrition while increasing school attendance. Suitable bathroom and wash facilities at schools provide children with a happier and healthier learning environment.

Agriculture and Self-Sustainability

Don Bosco Agricultural Colleges and Community Programs aim to assist locals to improve sustainable food availability through enhancing traditional farming methods. In most developing countries a high proportion of the population are subsistence farmers. The Agricultural Colleges support local farmers by demonstrating techniques to increase crop productivity, whilst students are taught ways to better care for livestock through practical experience. Obtaining local food security goes a long way in combating poverty and helping youth build a better future for themselves, their families and their nation.

Emergency Relief

With a global presence in 134 countries, Salesians are well positioned to provide in consultation with the local community and organisations, direct aid and relief in times of natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies. By launching special fundraising Appeals, Salesian Missions can support programs that relieve famine in Africa, rebuild earthquake damaged schools in Nepal and Ecuador, assist flood victims in India, house internally displaced people in South Sudan, provide education, food and supplies in the face of pandemics and so much more.



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Our Mission is to support our Partners in providing vocational teaching to underprivileged young people in developing countries, so that they may find employment and become self-sufficient contributing members of their nation.

Cover Photo – Students from Don Bosco College Salelologa, Samoa (Aug 2022)

Our Work – Br Marcal and Student from Don Bosco Maliana, Timor Leste (Nov 2022), Fr Uba with the residents of the Displaced Persons Camp in Uganda assisting with Agricultural Program (Sept 2022)

Right – Year 8 Students from Dominic College Glenorchy, Tasmania during a retreat day decorating T-Shirts for the youth in Fiji (May 2022)





From the Chair

Dear friends,

I am absolutely delighted that you have made such a difference in the lives of the poor and needy youth around the world by being significant contributors to the work of the Salesian Missions Australia.

The Salesians who celebrate 100 years of service in Australia since 1923 are privileged to have a partnership with you in the service of the young. The Australian Salesian Missions Overseas Aid Funds [ASMOAF], under the capable direction of Ms Tina Newton, has been working tirelessly to deliver your generous donations to those most in need and to your intended beneficiaries. I am certain that the ASMOAF will continue to do so with love, kindness, efficiency and transparency into the future.

As the Chair, I thank Tina and the ASMOAF team for their outstanding work in Don Bosco's education of helping the young become 'good Christians and upright citizens' through relief projects.

I am also truly grateful to you and your families for pouring out from your lavish hearts, making our mission possible. I pray that the good Lord continues to bless you and keep you with larger hearts for a brighter future for the young, and the world. I remain,

Gratefully yours in St John Bosco,

Fr William Matthews SDB
Chair



Fr Will Matthers (Provincial) and Fr Angel Fernández Arttime (Rector Major) visiting the Principal Cathy Livingston and students of St Josephs College Ferntree Gully (April 2023)



From the Director



A visit to the local community of Muanikoso, Fiji with the Salesian's (Feb 2023)

Dear Friends,

The continued support of Don Bosco Educational and Relief works during this past year has been remarkable, especially as many of you are experiencing your own individual demands. This truly brings to light the overwhelming generosity that is placed on helping those less fortunate as members of one global family.

The Ukraine Relief effort continues by focusing on making it safe for children to go to school in the Ukraine and also providing relief to those that have little access to food and supplies. We are pleased to say that over \$428,000 has been raised to support the relief effort.

The civil unrest in the DR Congo combined with food shortages experienced throughout the Horn of Africa is a real concern. The Don Bosco Network has mobilized to provide a co-ordinated approach in communicating the greatest need. As one Don Bosco global family we can achieve a more directed beneficial result for all by combining our resources.

Our Annual Report includes highlights from the inspiring projects making a real difference in 2022: the distribution of food and goods during an emergency, providing relief to those impacted by the civil unrest, providing education to those who otherwise would not have the opportunity and the establishment of community groups in remote locations to create new sources of income.

I am pleased to say that in 2022 we were able to distribute over \$1.85 million to educational and relief programs in 20 countries, changing the lives and strengthening the futures for many underprivileged youths.

Thank you for all your support for our important projects that give hope to the youth and communities in which they live throughout the world.

Kind regards
Tina Newton
Director

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2022 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

We work together with local leaders that are passionate and agents of change within their communities.

Salesian Missions Australia Disbursed \$1.85 Million to over 20 countries, impacting the lives of many people in great need.

The Ukraine Relief effort to assist refugees was a dominant focus in 2022. The Don Bosco Network (DBN) mobilized providing both information and a common point of contact to receive the information required to inform our donors. With the relief effort co-ordinated from Poland, it was reassuring that a focused approach was carried out to ensure all proposed projects were approved and prioritized. The demands for emergency relief continued in 2023 with the unrest in DR Congo and the Syrian Earthquake.

Our Salesian partners are involved mostly in continuing projects for youth – work that has been established in response to local needs which include schools that care for marginalised street children and orphans. A major purpose in the Don Bosco Schools is to offer job related skills to youth enabling them to find gainful employment.

Requests for funding frequently involve help with the running costs of schools especially when local Government funding has declined. Assistance is needed to help with salaries, classroom materials, repair and maintenance of buildings.



VIETNAM – 14% LIVE IN POVERTY

With generous fundraising activities organised by various groups our work in Vietnam has continued, providing food staples for flood victims and others who are on the poverty line. Children have been given the opportunity to attend school by having their tuition covered whilst others have been granted scholarships for higher education purposes. The elderly in one of the Nursing homes were visited and given small gifts and some wheelchairs were donated.

Salesian schools, services and programs throughout Vietnam are helping to break the cycle of poverty while giving many young people hope for a more positive and productive future. Salesian vocational and technical schools equip students with the skills they need to compete in the local labour market by offering courses that lead to employment in construction, hotel management, electrical and mechanical engineering, computer science, and other fields. Many Salesian students are school dropouts seeking a second chance.

According to the World Bank, 14% of Vietnam's population lives in conditions of poverty. Rising levels of education and diversification into off-farm activities such as working in construction, factories or domestic housework have also contributed to reducing poverty in the country.



Youth and Education Centre, Nasinu, Fiji (Feb 2023)

FIJI – A GATHERING PLACE FOR ALL TO ENJOY!

In Fiji the Don Bosco Youth and Education Centre located approx. 10km from Suva is a hub of activity with local youth gathering to learn, play and enjoy each other's company in a safe environment.

Approximately five hours drive from the Fijian Resorts that most Australians know, the centre is set amid settlements such as Muanikoso, where large families live in very basic dwellings. Local families welcome the Salesians into their homes and shared their stories of hardship and hope. With the minimum wage increasing from \$2.68 to \$4.00 FJD an hour, the costs of living remain a challenge.

The Don Bosco Youth and Education Centre is proving to be a great success amongst the local community and youth. It is now a usual occurrence every day to have over 200 young people flock to the Centre to enjoy games and activities with their friends and Salesian mentors. Young people of all different backgrounds, cultures and faiths are joining the programs and they aim to ensure that this youth centre and the programs are open to all who wish to join them.

The goal of the Youth Centre is to provide a place inclusive of all, to give young people the room to play safely, learn from each other, celebrate their culture and have fun. It is pleasing to see that young people of all different backgrounds, cultures and faiths are joining the programs.

Programs are currently being established with the involvement and inspiration from the local community. Youth Leadership Programs have been conducted to provide a platform where voices are heard, education is provided, and ideas are discussed.

The need for the variety of programs is very real as families from remote country areas relocate into Suva seeking employment. Children are left to occupy their time on the streets when not in school and left idle.

The second stage of the build; to develop the surrounding land is well underway. While taking the opportunity during a break in the wet weather, a netball/basketball/volleyball court was laid. Further work in the fields and outside lighting will be erected in the future.



Don Bosco College Salelologa, Samoa, having lessons in the library (Feb 2023)

SAMOA - EDUCATION IS THE KEY

An **overwhelming challenge** for our two Don Bosco Schools in Samoa is to **equip teachers** with the necessary resources they require to **educate students**. It is for this reason that we have launched a campaign to **“Sponsor a Teacher, Educate a Nation”**.

With a focus on vocational learning, both Don Bosco schools together with the wider community know exactly how important is for the youth in Samoa to gain the necessary qualifications and skills to **obtain employment and a career**. It is through strong leadership and inspirational teachers that hope is born and underprivileged youth can create a brighter future. Through the Salesian Bulletin and social media, we will be highlighting inspirational teachers and staff that are making an impact in their specific fields.

Funds from this campaign will provide our schools in Samoa with the **resources, materials, teacher support and training** required so that students in Samoa will have the best possible chance of success. Our many dedicated teachers guide their young people daily to become productive contributors in their families, community, and their nation. The school takes a holistic approach to education, building confidence, self-esteem, teamwork in students, as well as the celebration of culture through song, dance and storytelling.

Don Bosco Technical Centre has embraced their new hospitality building which opened Feb 2021. Teachers have journeyed with the students to not only teach them the skills to translate into a career but also educate them on the importance of nutrition. To ensure the sustainability of the program, a garden has been established to grow the produce. Students then prepare and cook the items which are made available for students to purchase for lunch.

Don Bosco Technical Centre, Alafua offers a vocational education comprising of a three-year course. All first-year students experience a combination of trades including plumbing, motor mechanics, carpentry, and hospitality. In following years, students specialise in a trade offering an Accredited Certificate in their chosen field. The school also promotes personal, moral and spiritual growth, leadership skills development and teamwork through cultural and sporting activities.

Don Bosco Technical Centre in Alafua not only offers traditional trade courses, it also offers a Fine Arts program as part of the sustainable development of the school. Through community and government qualifications board consultations the school has adapted its courses to fill the future needs of the job market. The Fine Art program works closely with construction, welding and sewing to create carvings, furniture, art, stone carvings and much more. In 2023 a new Fale (outdoor structure) was built with the generosity of \$20,000 raised by Salesian College Chadstone during their Don Bosco Oratory week celebrations. The new Art Fale has enabled the ability to have a separate learning space for each of the three-year groups.



Don Bosco Tech Centre Alafua, Samoa
Fine Arts Course (Feb 2023)



Timor Leste

Timor Leste is located northwest of Darwin and has celebrated 20 years of independence. However, economically it remains one of the poorest countries in Southeast Asia. With a population of just over 1.3mil it is estimated that about 40% live in poverty.



Don Bosco Tech Centre, Timor Leste (Jan 2023)

Don Bosco Salesian Schools, Technical and Vocational Training Centres are making an impact by providing young people with the education and skills to obtain employment and actively participate in the development of their nation. The emphasis on education through the many Don Bosco Schools and Technical Centres in Timor Leste continues as they accompany students and community groups to provide the skills needed to ‘break the cycle’ of poverty.

The Don Bosco Boys Orphanage, Lospalos and the Sisters Orphanages in both Laga and Venilale continue to provide children with a home, education in the nearby schools and a secure environment where they can learn life skills and enjoy time with their friends. With nutritional meals provided daily to over 300 children, finding the funds to subsidize the running costs is always a challenge. The Salesian Sisters Orphanage in the mountainous region of Venilale, is home to 100 girls from the ages 6-16 who attend the local Salesian Schools. Funds were sent to make covers for 120 mattresses and provide food and running costs.

The Sisters’ Medical Clinic, Venilale, continues to supply essential medical care for mothers, babies and the poor. Caring for the rural 13 surrounding villages is always demanding, especially when providing patients with the treatment and medicines they require. Patients turn to the assistance of the clinic as pharmacies are not common in these areas. Offering nutritional advice during consultations is given as well as dispensing powdered milk to malnourished babies.



Laura Vicuna Orphanage, Venilale, Timor Leste (July 2022)



Don Bosco Agricultural College, Fuloro prepares students by teaching them more productive food methods along with better care of livestock. As the school building was old and needed continual maintenance, we are pleased to report that all classrooms are now operational with the much-needed replacement of the ceilings and roof. In Fuloro 80% of the community earn their living through farming. The Don Bosco Agricultural school gives students the opportunity to learn both efficient horticulture and animal husbandry by combining old and new technology with agricultural science. Produce is used both to feed the school boarders and to sell to the community.

With the support of the O'Brien Foundation Australia, two new classrooms are being constructed at the Don Bosco Technical School in Fatumaca and an upgrading of the electrical course to include Solar Panel installations at Don Bosco Maliana.

Don Bosco Training Centre in Comoro offer trade courses of certificate level one and two in General Constructions, Mechanics, and Computer Administration. The Centre is accredited by the National Trade Qualifications and accredited for preparing construction students to work in Australia. Each year upon successful completion of the courses approx. 200 students gain employment in local organisations and work in Australia.

An essential part of the school programs is to provide scholarships to marginalised youth from poor families who otherwise would not have the opportunity to an education. This can only happen with donors' generosity. It is with grateful thanks we acknowledge The Ron Archer Foundation for providing scholarships to students at Don Bosco Comoro, St Jude's Parish, Langwarren and Friends of Luro for sponsoring students at the Don Bosco Agricultural School in Fuloro and Michael Parker Foundation who funded students at Fatumaca.

In May 2023 a container filled with goods was shipped to Timor Leste and we especially thank the Men's Shed group co-ordinated by Jim Finlayson for providing large quantities of refurbished tools to be transported to assist with many school courses, building and gardening projects.



Top : Don Bosco Technical School Maliana, Br Marcal with electrical students (July 2022)
Bottom: Don Bosco Technical Centre, Comoro. Ron Archer Foundation Scholarship Students (Mar 2023)



Women Empowerment Program, Bangalore, India (Dec 2022)

INDIA – Building Communities

Throughout India the Salesians of Don Bosco are making a positive impact by continuing to focus on the care of street children, education for all, building strong communities through local collaboration, the empowerment of minority groups and providing opportunities in remote villages.

Fr Thomas Vattukulam was pleased to report that the Bangalore Mission supported the “Rainwater Harvesting” program at the Don Bosco College by supplying large tanks. At Don Bosco Mithra school, educational stationery and uniforms were supplied to disadvantaged children as well as scholarships to help continue their studies. In addition, school furniture was provided to schools in North Karnataka and children were sponsored under the “Save a Life Programme” at Don Bosco Mysore.

In Bangalore the empowerment of local voices continues to be encouraged to assist individuals and communities to negotiate factors that impact their lives and livelihoods. Child labour is discouraged by offering education and this process is at the heart of all social work. It is part of a means to support vulnerable children and communities on their journey to equality. These groups provide a platform for social support and assistance, a space to learn new skills and an agent to support negotiations of rights.

During World Environment Day, Don Bosco Salesians in Bangalore successfully facilitated a program to promote Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature across 15 districts in Karnataka. 1928 saplings of various fruit and other trees were planted by 9987 children.

In Mumbai, Fr Edwin D’Souza reports that in partnership with local agencies, Don Bosco support for “street children” projects include the delivery of education and technical training programs accompanied with life coping skills to enhance future employment opportunities. In over 20 villages, before school Education Programs and tuition lessons are conducted to help children prepare for their day’s classes. An assessment is made of the student’s educational level and support is given accordingly.

In the provinces of Gujarat and Maharashtra, tribal villages benefit from self-help projects including the establishment of small poultry and goat farming business to enable remote communities earn an income and provide food in these drought-stricken areas.

The Youth Peace Convention was held in Guwahati and attended by 350 youth leaders. Training, knowledge, and experiences were shared with the aim to prevent violence and work towards peaceful social cohesion that involves negotiation and reconciliation.

AFRICA

A renewed focus on the Horn of Africa has commenced as ongoing conflict, civil unrest and difficult climate conditions continues to propagate food shortages and refugee displacement in the region. Salesians are actively welcoming refugees, distributing food and essentials reaching thousands of families as they migrate to safer locations.

Ethiopia

Ethiopia's internal conflict within the Tigray region continues to present many challenges. Salesians are working with locals in delivering basic needs such as food, emergency shelter, medical supplies and hygiene facilities. For these vulnerable people, the ability to prepare food, store water and sleep safely goes a long way to improving their health status.

Br Bullo wishes to thank donors for their unconditional support, encouragement and welcomes prayers to help alleviate the suffering of many.



South Sudan

The situation in South Sudan is critical as over 10,000 displaced people have been living in camps since 2013 with only basic shelters made from wood and whatever materials that can be found.

We were pleased to assist with the purchase of waterproof sheeting to cover these refuges as the rainy season has commenced. Education remains a priority and is offered at the Don Bosco schools in Gumbo, Juba. Students residing in the camp are supplied with school stationery, materials, uniforms and sporting equipment. The children benefit from playing games in a safe environment, enjoy team sports and laugh together amid so much poverty and uncertainty.

In addition to the Camp, Don Bosco Gumbo has opened its doors to approximately 4,000 children and youth in its schools. There are two kindergartens, two primary-middle schools, an "accelerated elementary school", a secondary school and vocational training centre which offers various courses to train in electricity, mechanics, stoneworks-masonry, solar panel technician, welder and computer studies for 700 young people.

There is also now a Salesian Medical Clinic, a Women's Promotion Centre and Sports Camps to keep the children active and engaged.

Uganda

Located 30km from the border of South Sudan in Uganda, Salesians reside within the Palabek Refugee Settlement and have recently been instrumental in finding ways to supplement decreasing food rations available for the World Food Program. With more than 76 000 refugees within the community and a hive of activity at the camp's Vocational Training Centre, there is now 92 acres of Maize, Soya Bean, and Sunflower Crops that are attended to by 25 agriculture groups. Fr. Uba says 'the agriculture groups are very important

because they enable those involved to contribute to their families, supplement food rations and restore dignity'.



Beyond necessities and nutrition, the Salesians are also seeking to meet the human needs of those who have been displaced. Salesian Missions Australia was able to fund the installation of two Maize processing machines, purchased through donations. The community continues to develop its agriculture programs in order to supplement recent food shortages in the Horn of Africa.

Top : Displace People in the Tigray Region, Ethiopia (Nov 2022)

Bottom : Don Bosco Palabek, Uganda (Nov 2022)



SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

With the new phase of the conflict and the change of its scale and impact, a crisis continues in Ukraine and the surrounding countries as Salesians of Don Bosco support refugees and prepared for the extremely cold winter months. This year is particularly challenging with the loss of livelihoods, disruption to supply chains, insufficient electricity and fuel, the loss of housing and damage to infrastructure. A transfer of \$86,000 assisted with coats, clothing, blankets, heating equipment and housing as a priority.



Truckloads of food and medicine were sent to the Ukrainian boarder and distributed to smaller towns, where people were waiting and often dependent on this form of aid. The situation remains tense in many places so travel with bulletproof vests is required.

Refugees from Ukraine migrated to Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and other surrounding areas. We are fortunate to have Salesian communities in these countries that are working together to co-ordinate the relief efforts. Many Salesians, staff and volunteers did their best to accommodate and direct the refugees to find a place to live, go to school and find jobs. We thank Viatores Cum Christo for sponsoring the refurbishment and renovation of ten self-contained rooms for refugees in Poland. This will be used as short stay accommodation while refugees transition to a more permanent location.

The priorities for the short and mid-term future are the challenges of education as classes are in the language of the host country or online in Ukrainian. Social support is provided to many who are suffering the consequences of severe trauma, particularly where psychiatric help is hard to access.



Don Bosco Salesians, staff and volunteers in Ukraine continue to assist locals who have been cut off due to the war with welcomed food, clothing, supplies and other essential needs. Recently we have been asked to partner with overseas Salesians to redevelop a bunker to shelter 750 people during bomb raids. This space will later be used as an education centre, however, for the present it will offer a safe place to the locals. As other urgent needs come to hand we will endeavour to support the relief efforts.

Top : Ukraine Relief, Lyman, Ukraine (April 2023)
Bottom : Ukraine Refugees attending a Don Bosco Child Care Czech Republic (Aug 2022)

PRINCIPLES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

Salesian Missions Australia has in place stringent standards for accountability and transparency both in its domestic organisation and for overseas partners. We insist that all our Overseas Partners be accountable for the funds they receive from our office. All Partners are required to sign a Partners Agreement which also enforces the need to be aware of our Policies and Guidelines and integrate these compliance documents into their operations. Policies and Guidelines can be found on our website : www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au

CHILD PROTECTION

Salesian Missions Australia Child Safeguarding Policy was established in 2010 and reviewed in 2017 and 2020. It has been implemented locally; each member of staff has a copy and the mandatory police checks completed.

Our Overseas Partners subscribe to our Child Safeguarding Policy and are informed of the 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 Overseas Partners are required to “sign off” on the Child Safeguarding Policy as a condition of receiving funds.

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

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.



Below : Don Bosco Technical School Fatumaca, Timor Leste (Aug 2022)

GENDER EQUITY

Salesian Missions Australia 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 our Working Agreement with our Overseas Partners which must be adopted prior to engagement.

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to respecting, protecting and promoting internationally recognised human rights for all, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, age, displacement, caste, gender, gender identity, sexuality, sexual orientation, poverty, class or socio-economic status. To enable people to realise their rights and assist those responsible for upholding such rights as equality, freedom from discrimination and access to education, in line with the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.

ACFID

Salesian Missions Australia 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.



Salesian Missions Australia 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

In 2020 Salesian Missions Australia underwent a Self-Assessment of its ability to comply with ACFID's Code of Conduct principles and procedures. We are pleased to advise we are Compliant to the Code and have also developed a number of Policies and Guidelines to guide our operations. These documents can be viewed on our website www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au. 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 Salesian Missions Australia projects who wish to complain about any aspect of our management and procedures, may lodge the complaint in writing and forward it to:

The Chairman

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

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

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

Our Board

Our Board in 2022 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 Joseph'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 Peter Hoang, B Theol (MCD), B Ed(ACU) M RE (ACU)

Fr Peter Hoang, Vice Provincial and Deputy Chair, Delegate for Social Communications, Rector and Chaplain at Salesian College Sunbury. Previously, Rector of Salesian Community and Chaplain at St. John Bosco College and Dunlea Centre Engadine. Former REC of Dominic College Glenorchy.



Fr Peter Carroll, B.A. B Theol (MCD), Dip Ed (ACU)

Fr Peter Carroll is Provincial Economist (Executive Officer of the Salesian Society in Australia) and is currently Rector of the Salesian Province Centre Ascot Vale, Vic. He is currently the Spiritual Relations Manager for Salesian Missions. He was a member of the pioneer Salesian Community in Samoa; he has made regular visits to ASMOAF sponsored projects in Samoa and Fiji.



Fr Brian Ahern, Dip T (Prim) ACU, B Ed ACU, B Theol & MTh (MCD)

Fr Brian is the Youth Ministry Delegate and Vocations Animator for the Australian Salesian Province. He is a former chaplain, teacher and REC of Dominic College Glenorchy and Xavier College Gawler.



Fr Anthony Dung B Theol (DBCS)

Fr Anthony Dung, currently Delegate for Formation for the Australian / Pacific Province, Vice Rector at Clifton Hill and Lecturer at CTC. Formerly Formation Professor at Don Bosco Philippines Northern Province from 2009.



Fr Petelo Vito - Pau, B Theol (MCD)

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

Financial Snapshot

Our Team



Tina Newton
Director



Olga Elliott
Office Manager



Lauren Hichaaba, Pacific
Development Co-Ordinator

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

Salesian Missions Australia is owned and operated by Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. It attracts support from donors all over Australia. Total revenue raised in 2022 for overseas development work was \$2,420,198, an increase of \$228,053 on donations received in the previous year. This is mainly due to an increase in donations for victims of the Ukraine War. Also an increase in the funds received through bequests.

Total expenditure was \$2,197,881 which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There is \$1,216,622 available for distribution in 2022.

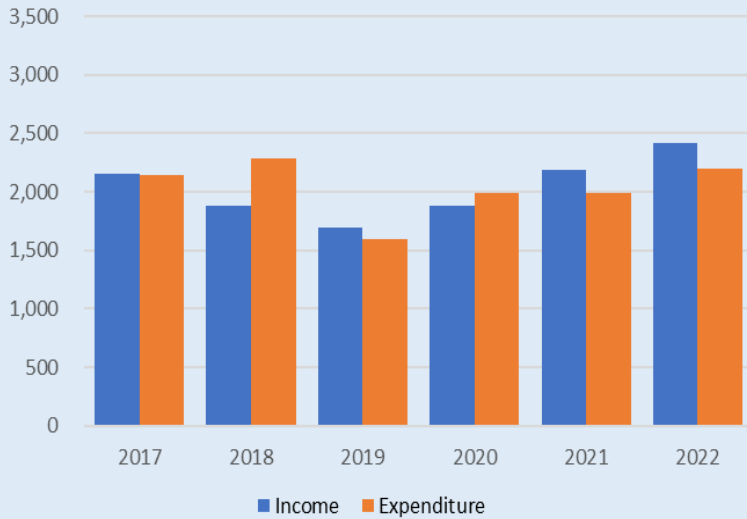
The operating result for the year ended December 31, 2021 increased by \$222,317 as a greater amount of funds were received from donors.

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.

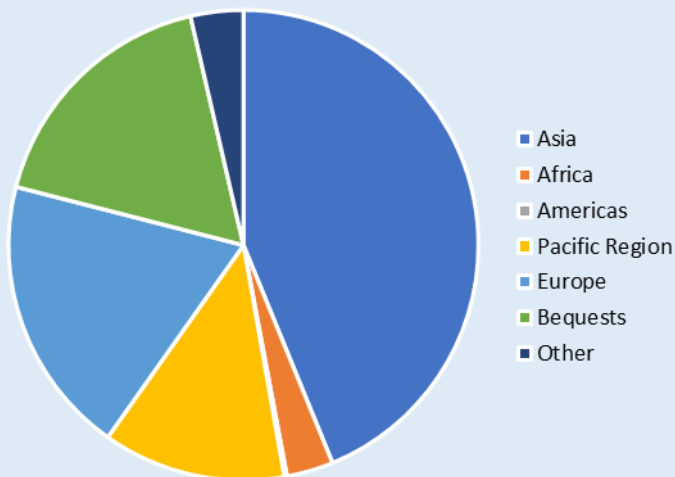
Funds are raised by requests via -

- The Salesian Missions Newsletter
- Social Media Posts and Articles
- Direct mail to supporters of specific countries e.g. Pacific, Ethiopia, South Sudan, India and Timor-Leste.
- Fundraisers organised by supporters for a specific project.
- Fundraising activities in schools and special collections in parishes
- Articles in the *Salesian Bulletin* and Catholic Press.

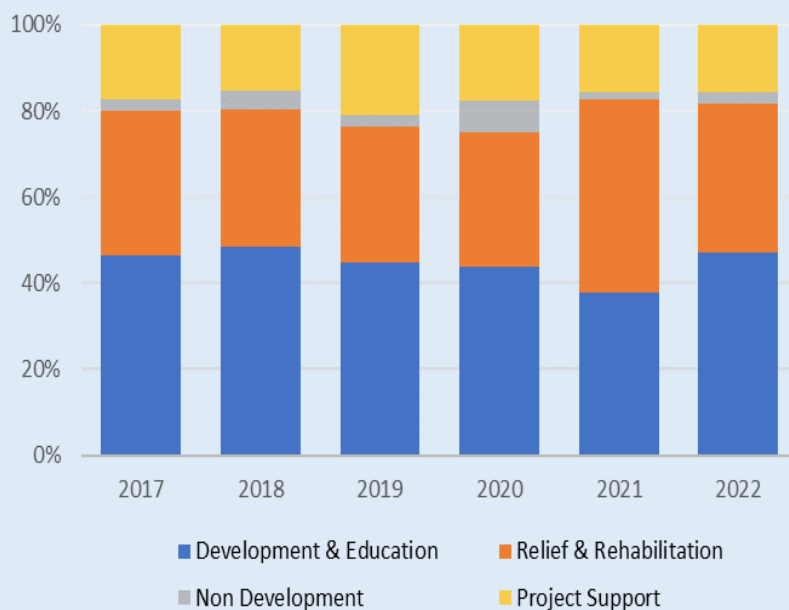
Income vs Expenditure (000)



Income by Region %



Expenditure %



DONORS' WISHES

More than 90 per cent of the donations received by Salesian Missions Australia 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.

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

- All donations are accepted.
- 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.
- Salesian Missions will not accept donations for political purposes.
- Donor forms are clearly marked to indicate the intention of the donation.

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 inter-connected 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 in accordance to a Human Rights Based Approach: enabling people to realise their rights and assist those responsible for upholding such rights as equality, freedom from discrimination and access to education.



Salesian College Chadstone Feast Day celebrations. The day raised funds to build the Art Fale at Don Bosco Technical Centre Alafua, Samoa (2022)



Develop an ongoing understanding and connection with partners to better understand and evaluate needs and challenges.

Encourage the adoption of our policies and procedures to foster greater commitment to change and equality.

Empower young people by supporting our partners to deliver a quality education and provide opportunities to those in need.

Plan, Monitor and Evaluate projects to deepen our understanding in the delivery of successful, positive and sustainable outcomes. Improve feedback to our partners to deepen a mutual beneficial relationship which delivers positive outcomes for all.

Strengthen our relationship and connection with our schools and supporters, use new ways to feedback project outcomes and success stories to improve engagement.

Explore new initiatives to secure ongoing support for our work and invest in staff and training to improve effectiveness and success.

Learn from past experiences to deliver stronger sustainable outcomes.

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 Salesian Missions Australia 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, 2022

		2022	2021
		\$	\$
Notes	Revenue		
1	Donations and Gifts		
	-Monetary	1,947,250	1,883,545
2	Bequests and Legacies	420,511	245,114
		<u>2,367,761</u>	<u>2,128,659</u>
3	Other Income	0	19,200
4	Investment Income	3,941	1,656
5	Revenue for International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	48,496	42,630
	Total Revenue	<u>2,420,198</u>	<u>2,192,145</u>
	Expenditure		
	International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
6	International Programs		
	- Funds to overseas projects	1,817,270	1,642,405
7	- Program support costs	64,609	39,375
8	Community Education	44,115	53,192
9	Fund raising costs		
	- Public	109,339	66,751
10	Accountability and Administration	128,965	150,406
	Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	<u>2,164,298</u>	<u>1,952,129</u>
	International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	33,583	36,451
11		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
12	Domestic Program Expenditure	0	0
	Total Expenditure	<u>2,197,881</u>	<u>1,988,580</u>
	Excess/(Shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	222,317	203,565
13	Provision for Long Service Leave	0	0
		<u>222,317</u>	<u>203,565</u>
	Extraordinary Items		
	Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	<u>994,305</u>	<u>790,740</u>
14	Funds available at the end of the financial year for future use	<u>1,216,622</u>	<u>994,305</u>



BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2021	2021
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,269,470	992,061
Trade and other receivables	921	2,244
Total Current Assets	1,270,391	994,305
Non Current Assets		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	1,270,391	994,305
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1,424	0
15 Provisions	52,345	0
Total Current Liabilities	53,769	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	53,769	0
NET ASSETS	1,216,622	994,305
EQUITY		
16 Reserves	994,305	790,740
Retained Earnings	222,317	203,565
TOTAL EQUITY	1,216,622	994,305

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2022

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2022	994,305	0	0	994,305
Adjustments to equity	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	222,317	0	0	222,317
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Balance at December 31, 2022	1,216,622	0	0	1,216,622

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2022

Bank Balance January 1, 2022	994,305
Debtors	0
Income for the year ended December 31, 2022	2,420,198
	3,414,503
Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2022	2,197,881
Bank Balance December 31, 2022	1,216,622

TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Cash available beginning of financial year	Cash raised during financial year	Cash disbursed during financial year	Cash available at end of financial year
Asia				
India	130,280	425,926	386,993	169,213
Timor Leste	334,810	276,421	409,809	201,422
Vietnam	74,054	324,369	218,977	179,446
Nepal	233	3,750	2,574	1,409
Philippines	286	11,770	1,215	10,841
Pakistan	1,152	11,719	6,556	6,315
Myanmar	2,023	1,471	710	2,784
Sri Lanka	376	2,250	1,716	910
Thailand/Cambodia	1,749	2,700	2,772	1,677
Hong Kong	99	0	0	99
Mongolia	4,834	0	0	4,834
Africa				
Ethiopia	31,429	19,605	32,953	18,081
Congo	1,024	11,275	12,240	59
Sudan/South Sudan	17,945	11,838	15,604	14,179
Swaziland	1	0	1	0
Kenya	992	1,800	1,291	1,501
Central America				
Guatemala	2,244	1,325	3,294	275
South America				
Ecuador	1,739	3,032	4,298	473
Pacific				
Samoa	60,565	208,037	212,214	56,388
Solomon Islands	2,672	4,440	2,771	4,341
Fiji	34,123	92,125	116,212	10,036
North of the Sahara				
Egypt	1,114	2,300	2,701	713
Emergency Fund – Ukraine Relief	1,409	464,665	395,737	70,337
General Account	193,816	113,644	82,645	224,815
Bequests	89,175	420,511	283,067	226,619
Cagliero	-1	1,284	1,284	-1
Interest	6,162	3,941	247	9,856
	994,305	2,420,198	2,197,881	1,216,622

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END DEC 31, 2022

1 Donations - \$1,947,250

Funds amounting to \$1,787,007 were used for projects in Asia, Africa, Central & South America and the Pacific. \$113,644 was in the form of general donations, of this \$112,959 was for Development/Education and \$685 was for Non-Development purposes.

2 Bequests and Legacies

\$420,511 was received in Bequests for Development and Non Development Purposes.

3 Grants

No Government or other grants were received by Salesian Missions Australia during 2022.

4 Investment Income

\$3,941 was received by Salesian Missions Australia during the year as interest on funds held and invested.

5 Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs

\$48,566 was received for religious purposes - specifically for the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.

6 International Programs

\$1,817,264 was allocated for development projects in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Pacific.

7 Program Support Costs - \$64,609 was spent on costs associated with the monitoring of projects

Salaries	52,138
Rent	5,000
Computer, Internet	5,096
Printing	144
Travel	2,231
	64,609

8 Community Education - \$44,115

Stipends	20,855
Salesian Bulletin	12,300
Newsletter	10,960
	44,115

9 Fund raising costs - \$109,339 All advertising in 2022 was public. The money was spent on fundraising material and advertisements aimed at securing support for development projects abroad.

Salaries	72,993
Rent	7,500
Salesian Bulletin	12,300
Newsletter Advertising	11,039
Printing	432
Postage	2,845
Travel	2,230
	109,339

10 Accountability & Administration- \$128,965

Costs were incurred for:

Salaries	71,642
Bank charges	8,727
Rent	12,500
Utilities	2,460
Printing	864
Postage	711
ACFID Subscription	9,450
Audit	11,000
Telephone	520
Stationery & Subscriptions	3,447
Computer, Internet	7,644
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	128,965
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11 Expenditure on International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs

\$33,588 was transferred for Non-Development purposes, the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.

12 Domestic Program Expenditure

Salesian Missions Australia did not fund any domestic projects in 2022.

13 Long Service Leave

Nil.

14 Funds available for future use

\$1,216,622 is available for allocation during 2023.

15 Provisions

A provision of \$52,345 was created to ensure overheads are covered for a period of 6 weeks.

16 Reserves

Other than the funds available for future use, no other reserves were created in 2022.

Auditor

Mr Kevin F. Jones FCA, Chartered Accountant, of Mulgrave 3170, has been re-appointed auditor of the Australian Salesian Missions Overseas Aid Fund for the year ending December 31, 2023.



3rd May 2023

KEVIN F. JONES FCA
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2022 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 31st December 2022. That Report shows Total Assets of \$1,270,391.

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 2022 and complies with the format required by the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Yours Faithfully



Kevin F Jones, FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT