



Helping youth build a better future

Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2019



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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.



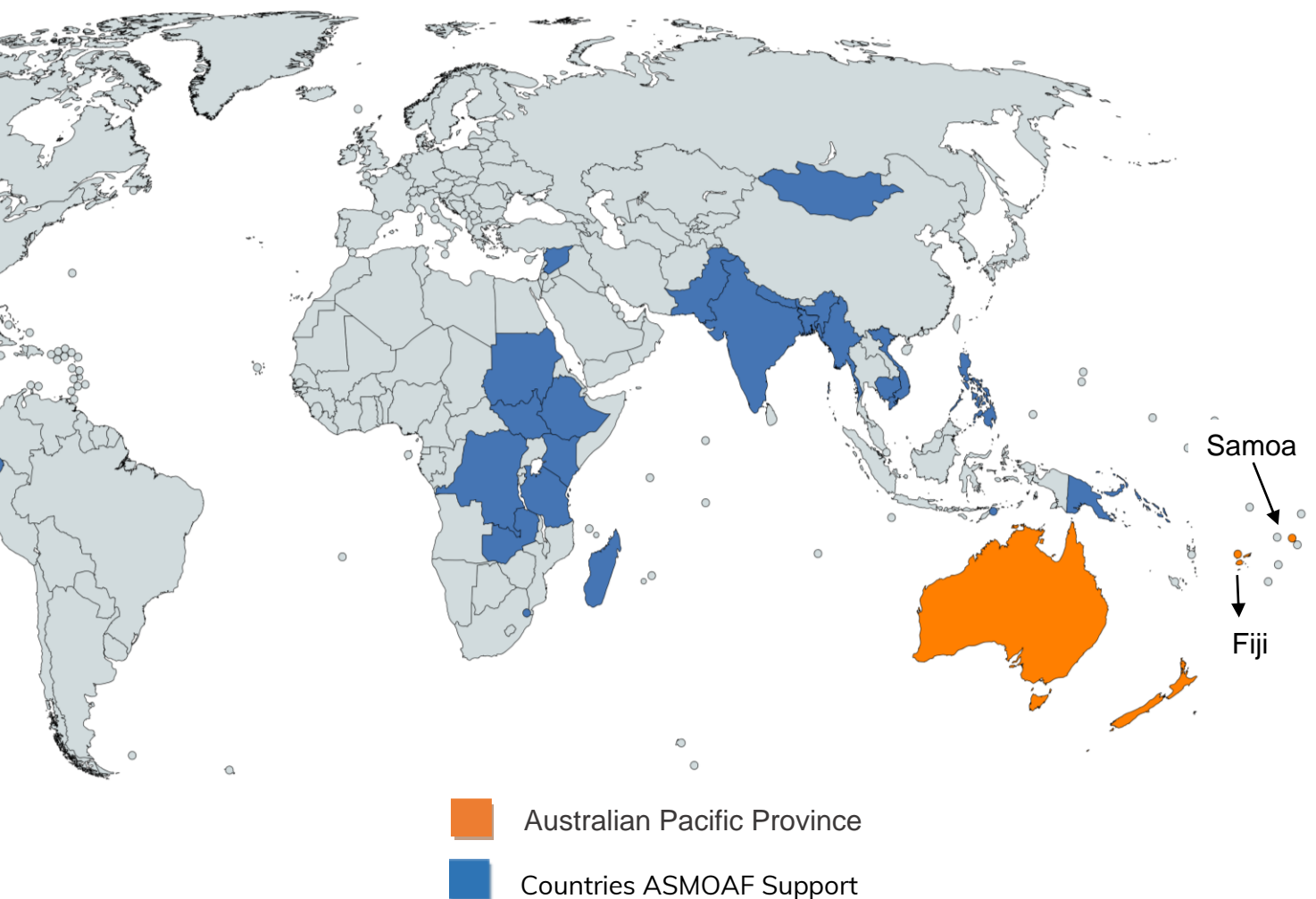
The Salesians of Don Bosco are working in 132 countries with a large contingent of about 28,000 committed religious men, women, volunteers and others. Salesians are located in many of the world's "trouble spots" and are endeavouring to help people better their lives.

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 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 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 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 was a member of the pioneer Salesian Community in Samoa; he has made regular visits to ASMOAF sponsored projects in Samoa and Fiji.



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.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

The world has seen so much pain and suffering in the recent months due to unexpected natural and viral disasters in Australia as well as around the world. Many people have lost their stock and businesses, houses and jobs, and even family. Some lost their loved ones in these tragedies. Some have lost hope altogether.

However, many people of good will come together in times of pain and suffering to give a helping hand to those in need. They put smiles on wry faces. The destitute find hope again simply by a random act of kindness. The true spirit of humanity, made in the image of God, prevails in disasters.

With a true Christian spirit in the footsteps of St John Bosco, the office of Australian Salesian Missions Overseas Aid Funds [ASMOAF] has done it again this year to help many in need through their generous donors. ASMOAF finds joy to be a helping hand in bringing smiles on many faces especially the young ones in times of need. I believe their generous donors have also felt blessed to have done their kind deeds through ASMOAF.

I thank the Director Br Michael Lynch SDB, Mrs Olga Elliot and Ms Tina Newton for their professionalism and kind hearts in assisting those in need. I commend them for their hard work.

I also thank all our generous donors and impart God's blessings for their long-standing support to the Salesian Missions in education of poor young children around the world. I kindly ask that you also let your friends know of your support to our Missions so that God's love may reach to more needy people in the world.

I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. [Phil 1:6]

With much gratitude,

Fr William Matthews SDB
Provincial
19 March 2020



Fr William Matthews pictured bottom centre with Salesian Community in Suva, Fiji. (Oct 2018)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend of Salesian Mission,

St John Bosco said **“Without confidence and love, there can be no true education”**.

Together we are breaking the terrible cycle of poverty and ignorance that can destroy so many young lives. By building confidence and love through education, the young are not left alone and without hope for the future.

Please rest assured, that your partnership is indispensable to our mission in ensuring successful outcomes for those living in hardship.

It gives me great joy to know that together, with the assistance of your prayers and financial support, we are making a tremendous impact in the lives of the needy by operating schools, orphanages, shelters, clinics, youth centre and Parishes. **“THANK YOU”** for helping so many to live a life of dignity.

I assure you that the Salesians are responsible guardians implementing Don Bosco’s educational system which incorporates the preventive method of respectful supervision and assistance together with character building, vigilance and care based on reason, kindness and faith.

We pray that God will guide the youth and their families to become productive members of society and be treated with respect and decency.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Yours sincerely in St John Bosco,

Br Michael Lynch
Director
20 Mar 2020



Br Michael Lynch (right) visiting Fr Tony De Groot at Don Bosco Centre in Carcha, Guatemala (Jan 2019)



Don Bosco Alafua Samoa Students (Feb 2020)

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: 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 (CPP) 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.



Salesians and Staff from the Provincial Office, Timor Leste, receive training on safeguarding the rights of children and adhering to the expectations of ASMOAF's Child Protection Policy. (Mar 2019)

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.



ACFID
MEMBER

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

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.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 was a challenging year for ASMOAF – a year in which the need for greater financial resources were highlighted by the growing requests we receive for assistance from our overseas partners.

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.

Salesian Mission Australia 2019 operations included;

- Freighting six containers to Timor Leste filled with recycled donated goods such as school desks, chairs, white boards and other classroom equipment. These goods go a long way in providing a sustainable education to the marginalised youth.
- Assisting the two Don Bosco schools in Samoa set up an Internationally Accredited Hospitality course, by lodging applications for funds on their behalf to help with the renovation of classroom and the purchase of equipment required to offer

the course. In 2020, Don Bosco Technical School Alafua, in consultation with the local community, opened its doors to girls providing an equal opportunity quality education for all.

- A tractor/excavator purchased in Dec 2016 for the Agricultural school in Lospalos, Timor Leste is also used by the local community. Subsistence farmers have access to the equipment to assist them in the preparation of land to grow crops which sustain the food production for their communities whilst also having the benefit of providing income for their families.
- Supporting the Salesian Sisters' Hostel and Development Centre in Henderson, Solomon Islands, which provides accommodation for 30 young women who have come to Honiara for studies. The Development Centre aims to empower women who have had minimal formal education. Courses are offered in basic literacy and numeracy, textile studies, computing, cooking, catering, floral art, human development and spirituality. On weekends the Centre offers workshops on Human Development for the boarders and community.
- Subscribing to the Don Bosco Green Alliance, an International collective of young people from the Salesian Family institutions. Their primary objective is to create a global environment that is safe and caring for all life on the planet, while building up a new generation of environmentally committed citizens and leaders.



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.

Pacific Games Welcomes 'Team Bosco'

The Pacific Games are a multi-sport event which occurs every four years and is held in high esteem by participating nations from the South Pacific Region. This year, Samoa was the host country, giving five representatives from Don Bosco Salelologa the opportunity to be torch bearers during the opening ceremony Torch Relay. Furthermore, four (past & present) students were selected to represent their nation in sporting events!



Samoa Students participating in the Pacific Games (July 2019)

Peleiupu Tafa Poe who graduated in 2018, was a member of the Athletics team. She travelled overseas to train and improve her skills. Pesamino Iakopo is currently studying metal fabrication and is an excellent rugby player and sprinter; he represented Samoa in athletics in the 100m, 200m races and the 4x100m relay. Marilyn Lafaele, a year 12 student who excels at netball also competed in the 200m athletics race. Finally, Mileta Sua who is in her last year of studying tourism and hospitality, is another member of the athletics team and known to be a very skilled competitive netballer! (participants pictured above)

Don Bosco Co-educational High School and Vocational School, Salelologa, has 224 students, most of whom come from remote villages and require the school bus to arrive at school on time. The use of the bus has increased consistent attendance and improved the level of the students education. A high percentage of students gain employment almost immediately after graduation, allowing them to start providing for their families and enhancing their quality of life.

The school offers courses in hospitality and is in the process of seeking additional resources, to help students find employment in the expanding tourism sector. These courses offer training as hotel staff, tour guides and other hospitality positions which are vital to keeping the industry growing.



Students and Teachers from Salelologa, Samoa (Feb 2020)

Opened in 2016, the 'Fr Elio Proietto' School Hall is available for hire. It recently hosted boxing matches for the 2019 Pacific Games, attracting international attention to the facilities. The money procured by hiring out the hall is directly given back to the school as a means of helping cover costs.



Don Bosco Alafua Samoa Students in the workshop (Feb 2020)

Education Provides Opportunities for all at Don Bosco Technical Centre Alafua.

The Don Bosco Technical Centre (DBTC) in Alafua, caters to 198 students, most of whom come from families that experience financial hardship; so scholarship programs are vital. The Salesians in partnership with the Samoa Qualification Authority are finalising accreditation for the Vocational Training Programs offered at the school. This is essential for the International Certification of graduates, so they can be confident in successfully obtaining employment soon after completion of the course.



New Female student attending class at Don Bosco Alafua. Samoa (Feb 2020)

DBTC are pleased to announce the transition into a Co-Educational School from the beginning of the 2020. The school in consultation with the Salesians of Don Bosco Australia-Pacific Province decided it was imperative to recognise and support the needs of the community by providing the opportunity for young women to receive a quality education. In addition, a hospitality course will also be added to the current subjects offered, this will enable young people to obtain employment in the expanding tourism industry in Samoa.

The [Cagliero Project](#) is another Salesian venture that provides long term volunteer and immersion experiences for young people from Australia throughout the Asia-Pacific Region. A new partnership initiative was formulated that will allow for a crowd funding drive aimed at restocking, repairing tools and other equipment for the school's workshop. Furthermore, with the assistance of ASMOAF a joint fundraising venture is planned to take place during their 2020 immersion trip to Samoa, in which young Samoans and Australians are to walk side by side to provide much needed school resources in order to build a better future for all. Unfortunately, the 2020 immersion has been cancelled due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. We hope that the immersion will go ahead in 2021.

FIJI, Hope for the Future

Fiji, a nation of about 330 islands has always experienced the movement of people to Suva (the capital) in search of work and the hope of better living conditions. This has added not only to the already high level of youth unemployment, but also to social problems with increasing numbers being lured into drugs and crime.

The Salesians established a house in Fiji in 1999 – to enable the Samoan-born Salesians to attend the Pacific Regional Seminary. From the outset they have been involved in organizing weekend games and sport in the neighbouring villages. In addition, they also assist with community needs such as helping the elderly with home maintenance and other emergencies that may arise from Pacific cyclones etc.

Each Sunday after Mass, 105 children aged from 5-18 join the Salesians at the Don Bosco Community House for Sunday school. These classes are very popular amongst the young people as they often encounter the Salesians during the community service programs they offer, such as gardening, maintenance work and assisting those in need. During Sunday School, the children enjoy a range of activities such as songs, dance, religion and Salesian stories. The classes are specially designed to be engaging and creative, encouraging the students to develop their communication and learning skills.

Through Salesian involvement with the locals, a need for a youth gathering place was identified and will soon be a reality. The Don Bosco Community and Youth Centre is currently under construction in the Suva suburb of Nasinu. It will be a “drop-in” venue for youth where they will be able to learn life-skills, teamwork and participate in educational training programs. The Centre will provide a positive, supportive environment, that will keep young people from disruptive and unlawful behaviour through full or part-time training and volunteer work.



The local Fijian community is very much looking forward to the completion of the new Don Bosco Community Centre in 2020.



Salesian Community Suva,
Fiji “Sunday School
program”(Mar 2019)

Real Commitment has Brought Positive Outcomes for the people of Timor Leste

During my visits to Timor Leste over the past 20 years, I have personally observed the great impact made by the Salesian schools largely through education. They have grown by integrating into the curriculum high standards in literacy and numeracy, teaching employment-related skills and incorporating moral and character development.

The Priests and Brothers, of whom 95 per cent are locally born, have been a significant presence for more than 70 years; they are the largest religious congregation in the country.

When in Dili, I often meet former Don Bosco students with jobs in the different Government Departments, meet past alumni teaching in schools or working in the building trade and others who have jobs at the airport, in shops and cafes.

Although the schools have expanded, educating thousands who have successfully secured employment, as a nation the Timorese face the challenge of little local industry, as the Government is still the main employer.

I have been informed that Don Bosco Training Centre, Comoro, offers another highly regarded career opportunity, an Accredited course in Rural Road Construction. Through improved rural access, the aim is to promote agro-forestry development, job prospects and reduce food insecurity and malnutrition in rural areas.

I first visited Maliana just over seven years ago to view the newly proposed site of the Don Bosco Co-educational Technical School; today it is a flourishing centre of education, with an enrolment of more than 100 students all of whom reside on campus.



Students from Don Bosco Maliana, Timor Leste participating in an electrical class. (Sept 2019)



Students from Don Bosco Orphanage Lospalos attending to the vegetables after school. (Sept 2019)

In the orphanages – for girls in Laga and Venilale and for boys in Lospalos, the Salesian Religious, I have observed, are providing loving care and attention to youngsters who are without parental support.

Salesian schools and parishes play host to several Melbourne schools, who choose Timor Leste to hold their annual immersion programs. It is always satisfying for me to see the wonderful relationships

formed over many years and to hear about the warm welcome received. These visits have fostered greater understanding of the needs and challenges of a poor country. Unfortunately, four in ten are still living below the national poverty line, preventable diseases are widespread, and many have limited access to clean water and sanitation.

In recent years Government priorities in other areas have curtailed the funds allocated for education, therefore the support of cash and kind by Australian donors has been vital to sustain the survival of these school projects: as most parents can only make minimal contributions.

With your help, Salesian Missions will continue to assist the youth of Timor Leste.

Br Michael Lynch
Director



Br Michael Lynch with Students from Baucau, Timor Leste (Sept 2018)



INDIA – Push for Rights and Independence

Every 5 minutes a vulnerable young person arrives alone and frightened at a train station in **Bangalore**. BOSCO, a Salesian run program is doing all it can to halt the alarming trend. The Salesians provide a safe, caring venue that does all it can to replicate the family values. The rehabilitation program has over 120,000 success stories, with many of its past pupils returning to volunteer their time and help to inspire the younger generations with their own stories. One such person who returns frequently is Lokesh, who has now become a highly accomplished actor, artist and singer.

To help protect these vulnerable youths from exploitation, the Child Rights Club was established. This Club encourages young people to enrol in school and to maintain their attendance despite difficulty. It travels to different schools and community events, educating children on their rights and encouraging them to speak up on the issues they see in their lives. Information sessions are held for parents to dissuade them from making the young children responsible for earning money through child labour or early marriage, showing them that education allows a person to reach their full potential.

In Mumbai, Salesians at the St. Joseph's Industrial Training Institute have identified that there is a significant gap between the ever-growing number of motorized vehicles on the road and skilled technicians with the abilities to service and repair them. Through a partnership between a leading manufacturer, a training centre will be established to teach underprivileged youth how to maintain motor vehicles in a year-long course. This course will have accreditation to ensure students receive a qualification that will enable them to find work as quickly as possible.

The Salesians are adamant in reaching gender equality, though programs targeted specifically for women and girls such as education, rights education and workforce development courses. These programs strive to empower women and girls, providing opportunities for education and training that lead to liveable wage employment and their independence free from violence and exploitation.

Sharmila, one recent beneficiary of the program, whose young family lost everything they owned due to a fire that gutted their house, revealed to the directors her dream of starting a sandwich-making business. With some start-up funds, equipment and training, Sharmilia is now earning Rs 900 a day (20 AUD), enough for her to become self-reliant, provide for her family and allow her children to now focus on their education.



Br Jim Comino from Don Bosco Juba, South Sudan providing Tools and Training to local so they can become self-sustaining by growing crops to consume and sell (2019)

Rising from Adversity in Africa

South Sudan

The Salesians in Gumbo have found themselves living amongst the aftershocks of horrific violence and have dedicated themselves to placing smiles on young faces whilst building futures. Over 4,000 children who attend the various schools come from one of the five villages in the area or the internally displaced people's camp.

The mission at Gumbo started in response to the outbreak of a humanitarian disaster as a result of the civil war in 2013. This centre has quickly grown to be a focal Hub for people living in this area. In addition to students receiving education, more than 10,000 people rely on it for food and other necessities and over 20,000 people come to the Parish in search of spiritual assistance.

Tools and training have been given to the local people, so that they may grow their own food. With the proper time and training invested, they will be able to become self-sustaining and earn an income by selling their crops. This will increase the viability of the area, encouraging people to work together for common goals and sowing peace in an area where it is most sorely needed.

Ethiopia

The Gambella region of Ethiopia is burdened by poverty, lack of infrastructure as well as ethnic and religious tensions. The Salesians are managing to tackle all these problems by offering training at Don Bosco Technical Institute and another Salesian school. These learning centres have become common ground for all young people, regardless of their circumstances.

The Technical school has 150 students, whilst the other has 720 children, aged between 7 & 17 years. The Salesians Oratory has over 1500 young people coming together to mingle, enjoy each other's company and learn from one another. Fr Marcandalli, the parish priest, believes that, "The Salesian educational system promotes integration, respect and acceptance of diversity, which in turn contributes to building a peaceful coexistence between the different ethnic groups. Through studying, learning and playing sports together, children soon discover that different ethnic backgrounds are a source of wealth."

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 24 years.



Mrs Olga Elliott, Office Manager

Mrs Olga Elliott who has worked with ASMOAF for 40 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 tenth year at ASMOAF. Her background and experience in both the corporate and voluntary sectors, has made her a valued member of the team.



Leadership is all about standing up and making a difference in your community - which is exactly why the Don Bosco Leadership Camp spent time on **#givingtuesday** to cleaning up the surrounding area. It's amazing what people throw out - we were expecting plastic and bottles but not chairs or letterboxes!! It was inspiring to see so many young people make a stand for something positive and give up their time so enthusiastically!! [@dbgreenalliance](#)

Financial Snapshot

During 2019 ASMOAF distributed over 1.264 million to Fund International Relief & Education Projects

Sr Carolina treating a patient at the Medical Clinic Venilale, Timor Leste, (Sept 2019)



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 2019 for overseas development work was \$1,689,409, a decrease of \$165,885 on donations received in the previous year. This is mainly due to a decline in donations from the previous year.

Total expenditure was \$1,598,865 which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There was \$894,929 available for distribution in 2019.

The operating result of ASMOAF for the year ended December 31, 2019 was a surplus of receipts over payments of \$90,544.

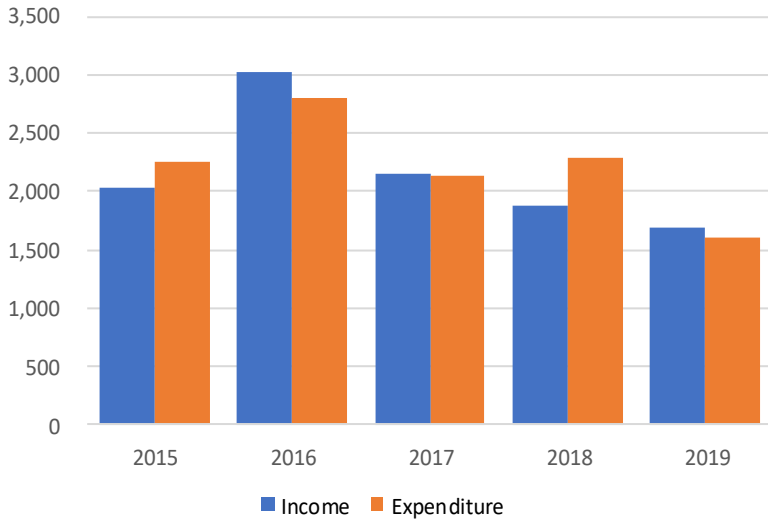
With regard to expenditure: There has been little variation over the years in the funds allocated for (i) development and education, (ii) relief and rehabilitation and (iii) religious purposes. Every effort is made to keep administration costs low.

Funds are raised by requests via -

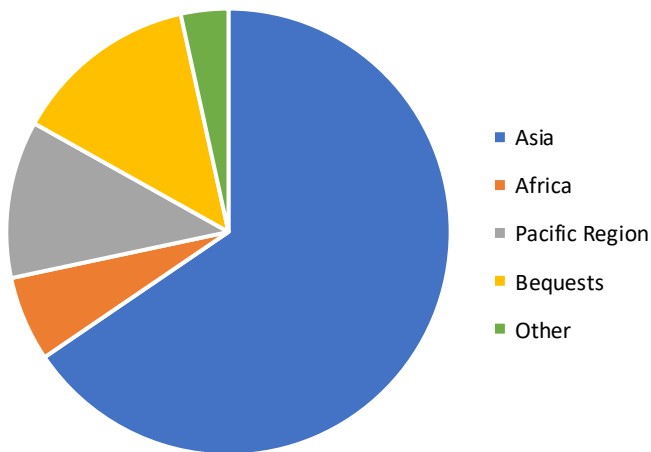
- The annual Salesian Missions Newsletter.
- Direct mail to supporters of specific countries e.g. Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Fiji.
- Fundraisers organised by supporters for a specific project.
- Fundraising activities in schools.
- Special collections in parishes.
- Articles in the *Salesian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

DONORS' WISHES

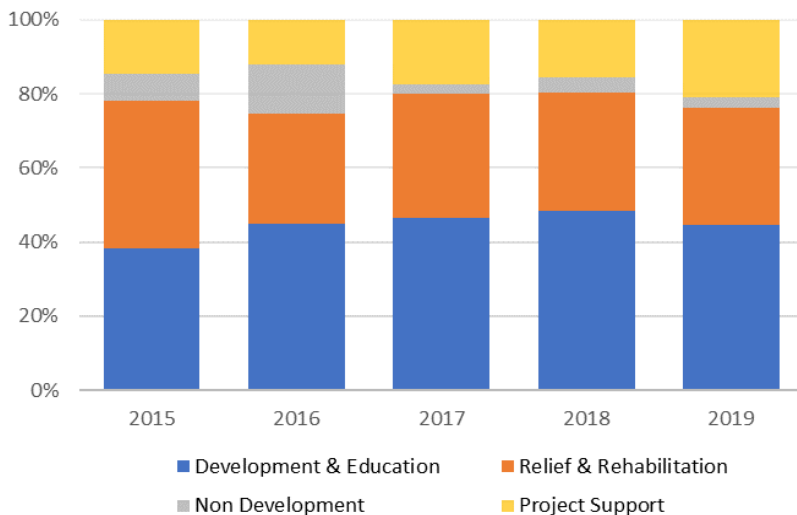
Income vs Expenditure (000)



Income by Region %



Expenditure %



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 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.
- ASMOAF will not accept donations for political purposes.
- Donor forms have a “box” to be marked to indicate the intention of the donation.



Electrical Student - Don Bosco Tech Fatumaca, Timor Leste (Sept 2019)

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, 2019

		2019	2018
		\$	\$
Notes	Revenue		
i	Donations and Gifts		
	-Monetary	1,375,748	1,784,936
ii	Bequests and Legacies	227,549	38,548
		1,603,297	1,823,484
iv	Investment Income	13,107	15,373
v	Revenue for International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	73,005	46,437
	Total Revenue	1,689,409	1,885,294
	Expenditure		
	International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
vi	International Programs		
	- Funds to overseas projects	1,219,468	1,833,031
vii	- Program support costs	18,409	25,295
viii	Community Education	99,365	90,098
ix	Fund raising costs		
	- Public	64,006	55,503
x	Accountability and Administration	153,478	181,046
	Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	1,554,726	2,184,973
	International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	44,139	97,588
xii	Domestic Program Expenditure	0	0
	Total Expenditure	1,598,865	2,282,561
	Excess/(Shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	90,544	(397,267)
xiii	Provision for Long Service Leave	0	0
		90,544	(397,267)
	Extraordinary Items		
	Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	804,385	1,201,652
xiv	Funds available at the end of the financial year for future use	894,929	804,385

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	893,687	802,435
Trade and other receivables	1,242	1,950
Total Current Assets	894,929	804,385
Non Current Assets		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	894,929	804,385
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	0	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0
NET ASSETS	894,929	804,385
EQUITY		
xv Reserves	804,385	1,201,652
Retained Earnings	90,544	(397,267)
TOTAL EQUITY	894,929	804,385

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2019

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2019	804,385	0	0	804,385
Adjustments to equity	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	90,544	0	0	90,544
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Balance at December 31, 2019	894,929	0	0	894,929

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2019

Bank Balance January 1, 2019	804,385
Debtors	0
Income for the year ended December 31, 2019	1,689,409
	2,493,794
Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2019	1,598,865
Bank Balance December 31, 2019	894,929

TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	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	112,013	363,415	253,904	221,524
Timor Leste	372,179	408,868	473,646	307,401
Vietnam	1,816	209,329	184,401	26,744
Nepal	2,310	4,200	6,307	203
Philippines	24,149	63,620	67,973	19,796
Pakistan	1,729	4,575	1,006	5,298
Myanmar	28,476	3,134	30,154	1,456
Sri Lanka	1,918	2,990	3,614	1,294
Thailand/Cambodia	6,907	46,733	44,563	9,077
Hong Kong	49	50	0	99
Mongolia	4,834	0	0	4,834
Africa				
Ethiopia	16,876	32,827	20,471	29,232
Mozambique/Congo	3,968	28,203	20,975	11,196
Tanzania/Zambia	2,220	475	38	2,657
Sudan	40,730	21,755	32,124	30,361
Swaziland	0	20,213	20,053	160
Kenya & Matercare	0	650	230	420
Central America				
Guatemala	992	2,995	628	3,359
South America				
Ecuador	1,633	2,220	3,196	657
Pacific				
Samoa	19,125	89,375	90,224	18,276
Papua New Guinea	75	(75)	0	0
Solomon Islands	41,951	5,860	31,956	15,855
Fiji	5,493	97,252	46,933	55,812
North of the Sahara				
Egypt	9,270	2,730	9,611	2,389
Emergency Fund	1,409	0	0	1,409
General Account	45,431	32,483	61,109	16,805
Bequests	55,854	227,549	179,180	104,223
Cagliero	2,975	4,876	3,464	4,387
Interest	3	13,107	13,105	5
	804,385	1,689,409	1,598,865	894,929

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Bank Balance January 1, 2019

804,385

Income for the year ended December 31, 2019

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

Asia

India	363,415
Timor Leste	408,868
Vietnam	209,329
Nepal	4,200
Philippines	63,620
Hong Kong	50
Pakistan	4,575
Myanmar	3,134
Sri Lanka	2,990
Thailand/Cambodia	46,733

Africa

Ethiopia	32,827
Mozambique/Congo	28,203
Kenya	650
Sudan/South Sudan	21,755
Swaziland	20,213
Tanzania/Zambia	475

Central America

Guatemala	2,995
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South America

Ecuador	2,220
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Pacific

Samoa	89,375
Papua New Guinea	(75)
Solomon Islands	5,860
Fiji	97,252

North of the Sahara

Egypt	2,730
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General Account	32,483
Bequests	227,549
Cagliari	4,876
Interest	13,107

1,689,409

2,493,794

Expenditure

1,598,865

Bank Balance December 31, 2019

894,929

EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Payments to Overseas Partners	Administration	Development & Education	Relief & Rehabilitation	Non Development	Total
Asia					
India	0	101,218	66,681	12,454	180,353
Timor Leste	0	178,929	214,151	8,754	401,834
Vietnam	0	0	159,282	11	159,282
Nepal	0	0	5,425	0	5,425
Philippines	0	63,741	0	0	63,741
Myanmar	0	28,434	1,052	0	29,486
Sri Lanka	0	3,310	0	0	3,310
Cambodia	0	42,091	0	0	42,091
Africa					
Ethiopia	0	6,049	7,200	0	13,249
Mozambique/Congo	0	18,635	0	0	18,635
Kenya	0	126	0	0	126
Sudan / South Sudan	0	19,033	8,431	0	27,464
Swaziland	0	15,800	10	0	15,810
Egypt	0	4,010	5,000	0	9,010
Central America					
Guatemala	0	10	0	0	10
South America					
Ecuador	0	2,710	0	0	2,710
Pacific					
Samoa	0	69,475	910	680	71,065
Solomon Islands	0	30,558	0	179	30,737
Fiji	0	28,650	0	2,895	31,545
Total Payments to Overseas Partners		612,779	468,142	24,962	1,105,883
(xvi) General Account	0	0	24,078	0	24,078
(xvii) Bequests	0	98,068	13,425	19,177	130,670
(xviii) Cagliari	0	2,976	0	0	2,976
(vii) Project Support Costs	18,409	0	0	0	18,409
(x) Administration	153,478	0	0	0	153,478
(viii) Community Education	99,365	0	0	0	99,365
(ix) Fundraising	64,006	0	0	0	64,006
Total Payments for the year ended December 31, 2018	335,258	713,823	505,645	44,139	1,598,865

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 (ix) Administration costs need to be considered.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END DEC 31, 2019

I	Donations - \$1,375,748		
	Funds amounting to \$1,296,185 were used for projects in Asia, Africa, Central & South America and the Pacific. \$79,563 was in the form of general donations, of this \$79,293 was for Development and \$370 was for Religious (Non Development) purposes.		
ii	Bequests and Legacies		
	\$227,549 was received in bequests for development purposes.		
iii	Grants		
	No Government or other grants were received by ASMOAF during 2019.		
iv	Investment Income		
	\$13,107 was received by ASMOAF during the year as interest on funds held and invested.		
V	Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs		
	\$73,005 was received for religious purposes - specifically for the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.		
Vi	International Programs		
	\$1,216,468 was allocated for development projects in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Pacific.		
Vii	Program Support Costs - \$18,409		
	Salaries		14,031
	Computer, Internet		2,586
	Printing		144
	Travel		1,648
			18,409
Viii	Community Education - \$99,365		
	Stipends		58,060
	Salesian Bulletin		24,600
	Newsletter		16,705
			99,365
ix	Fund raising costs - \$64,006		
	All advertising in 2019 was public. The money was spent on fundraising material and advertisements aimed at securing support for development projects abroad.		
	Salaries		42,092
	Newsletter Advertising		17,111
	Printing		432
	Postage		4,371
			64,006
X	Accountability & Administration- \$153,478		
	Costs were incurred for:		
	Salaries		84,182
	Bank charges		4,178
	Rental		25,000
	Vehicle (inc. petrol)		3,259
	Utilities		2,460
	Printing		864
	Postage		1,093
	ACFID Subscription		9,868
	Audit		8,500
	Telephone		3,042
	Stationery & Subscriptions		4,323
	Computer, Internet		6,034
	Professional Development		675
			153,478

- xi Expenditure on International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs**
\$47,139 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 2019.
- xiii Long Service Leave**
Nil.
- xiv Funds available for future use - \$894,929**
\$894,929 is available for allocation during 2019.
- xv Reserves**
Other than the funds available for future use, no other reserves were created in 2019.
- xvi General Account - \$24,078**

Donations to General Missions were allocated in the following manner:

	Education & Development	Relief & Rehabilitation	Non Development	Total
Fiji	0	10,300	0	10,300
India	0	87	0	87
PNG	0	11	0	11
Samoa	0	13,100	0	13,100
Swaziland	0	400	0	400
Vietnam	0	180	0	180
	0	24,078	0	24,078

xvii Bequests - \$130,670

Bequests were distributed to the following countries in accordance with the directions of the bequest donors:

	Development	Non Development	Total
Fiji	32,485	0	32,485
India	37,565	19,177	56,742
Timor Leste	41,443	0	41,443
	111,493	19,177	130,670

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, 2020.

28th April 2020

2019 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 2019. That Report shows Total Equity of \$894,929.

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 2019 and complies with the format required by the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Yours Faithfully



Kevin F Jones, FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT