



Helping youth build a better future

Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2020



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 Salelologa (Feb 2020)
Left – Don Bosco Alafua, Samoa graduation ceremony receiving an award from Principal Mr Mane (2019)



Vice Chair Report

After spending the past few years in Tasmania, I am now back at Clifton Hill, Victoria working in our International Don Bosco House of Studies, which serves the East Asia-Oceania region of the Salesian world. In January I was appointed Vice Provincial for the Australia-Pacific Province and the role of the Provincial Council Representative for Salesian Missions Australia.

I am very happy to be part of these teams. I have long admired Br Michael Lynch for his “hands on” approach and guidance to the Missions during the past twenty-five years. We wish him well as he moves into the next stage of his Salesian life. It has been inspiring to witness firsthand the smooth transition of the leadership role of Director to Tina Newton. Tina has worked for many years in the Salesian Missions Office and she will continue to be ably assisted by Olga Elliott and myself.

No individual can change the world, prevent natural disasters, solve world poverty or remedy the vast inequalities between the rich and the poor. However, Salesian Missions Australia can and does make a difference with help of our many supporters. Our Annual

Report demonstrates that our overseas partners do help and offer much needed assistance to disadvantaged and vulnerable people in many third world countries.

Whether it is helping the disadvantaged in Timor Leste; providing Vocational and Trades Training to young people in Samoa; assisting displaced people in war-torn Ethiopia with food parcels and medical supplies or collaborating with other Aid Agencies to provide a co-ordinated Covid-19 responses in India, a significant and positive difference is being made.

None of us alone can change the world but together with our supporters, we are making a difference. Our goal is to continue to make a positive impact on those in great need and to carry on the legacy of St John Bosco which will transform the lives of the poorest through access to quality education and sustainable community assistance.

In St John Bosco.
Fr Peter Rankin SDB
Vice-Provincial Australia-Pacific Province





Directors Report

I take this opportunity to introduce myself for the first time as Director. As a member of our small Salesian Missions Team for the past 10 years, I am honoured to accept this position and shall endeavour to continue the great work that Br Michael Lynch has carried out over many years.

Amongst the many challenges in the world today, Salesians continue to bring hope through their commitment to provide education, care and support to those in need. With the current worldwide pandemic, we are reminded of how precious life is and that we are all part of one family.

Our Annual Report includes highlights from the inspiring projects making a real difference in 2020: the distribution of food and hygiene packs throughout India during the Covid-19 pandemic, providing assistance to our Timorese schools so they may offer a quality education for all regardless of class and promoting equal opportunity by encouraging the vocational education of female students and community programs in Samoa.

I am pleased to say that in 2020 we were able to distribute over \$1.647 million to educational and relief programs in 22 countries, changing the lives and strengthening the futures for many underprivileged youth. However, the requests for funding continue to grow as the impact of the pandemic is realised.

Our aim is to enable our partners to be more effective in the schools, orphanages, centres and communities in which they operate. We will continue to plan, monitor and evaluate programs that are inclusive, empowering and sustainable.

On behalf of our Salesian partners, I would like to thank our supporters for listening to the voices of those in need and despite the uncertainties in today's world, their generosity is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards
Tina Newton
Director



Don Bosco Maliana, Timor Leste students – eating lunch which is made from produce grown on the grounds (Sept 2019)



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.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2020

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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

2020 was a challenging year for Salesian Missions Australia – a year in which the need for greater financial resources were highlighted by the growing requests received for assistance from our overseas partners as Covid-19 took hold and had a varied impact on many of our 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.

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Fr Tang in Vietnam distributing food parcels to the elderly in need (Feb20)



Youth and Education Centre, Fiji April 2020

NEW 'YOUTH and EDUCATION CENTRE' for FIJI

We are pleased to report that the construction of the Youth and Education Centre, Suva, Fiji is now in the final stages of completion. The contractors are in the process of finishing the toilet block, mezzanine level, kitchen facilities and external drainage. This project which includes a multipurpose community space, open areas for learning and a community garden; will help create a central hub where young people will be able to meet in a safe environment as they walk accompanied by their peers and their Salesian mentors to expand their life skills.

In recent months, in between lockdowns, it has been wonderful to see the hall being used for large social community gatherings and celebrations over Christmas and Easter. The Community Garden is going extremely well with locals using the space to grow garden produce to feed their families. To ensure the sustainability of the hall, the Fijian Salesian Community have constructed a plan for the hall to be hired outside the youth outreach hours.

The Salesians "outreach" into the community after the lockdowns are continuing by visiting vulnerable families and listening to their challenges during this time. Some families are experiencing cutbacks to hours worked while others remain unemployed.

Stage two is to clear the surrounding land to build a netball/basketball/volleyball court and a rugby field where Fijian youth can enjoy time with their friends. This is an important part of the Youth and Community programs to encourage holistic development of young people. Br. Peter Minh Duc Nguyen explains, "In general, in many places in Fiji, the young don't have a safe place to play. Young people play rugby, volleyball, and other sports on the road and this is very dangerous. The need for a protected and healthy playground is an urgent need. The Youth program fulfils that demand and helps them to develop the whole person by exploring different activities."

Parish priest Fr Mikaere Leilua is overseeing the project and expresses his deep gratitude to all donors. The project is now in its final stages of completion having suffered setbacks related to wet weather and delays, however it is now full steam ahead!



SAMOA:

Over the past forty years, the Salesians of Don Bosco have been working alongside the local community to improve the lives and futures of young people throughout Samoa.

Since 1988, **Don Bosco Technical College (DBTC) Alafua, Samoa** is known for offering a quality skills-based education to disadvantaged youth. They take pride in offering a second chance to students who have not completed mainstream schooling due to poverty, family and social issues.

On completion of the 3-year trades course graduates are well placed to find decent jobs to assist their families and develop a fulfilling career.

After the successful transition to a co-educational school in 2020, DBTC currently has the largest number of enrolments for many years with over 40 girls and 180 first year students alone. The introduction of a new hospitality course is expected to provide all students with job opportunities within local industries.

With the assistance of the Australian High Commission Office in Samoa, 20 sewing machines were purchased. The School also introduced a very successful 10 week evening sewing course open to the local community; they are now on their 3rd rotation.

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Ms Farene a second-year student is happy with her choice to specialise in plumbing, "I felt that plumbing is my calling. I want to get a job to help my family as they're not well off and I want to help them in any way I can." Ms Farene encourages young girls who want to become plumbers in the future "to go for it and don't hold back."



Photo from top;
Students from Don Bosco Technical College in Alafua (1) Cookery Students -Feb 2020, (2) & (3) Sewing Students – both schools students and community course - April 2020, (3) Plumbing Students Ms Farene March 2021



Students from Don Bosco Vocational Technical Centre Salelologa (Feb 2020)

Don Bosco College and Vocational Technical Centre Salelologa, Savai'i is very important for the future livelihoods of young people, as Savai'i is essentially still comprised of subsistence farmers. There is a growing tourism business on the island and the College is providing qualifications in Cert.1 Hospitality to expand on job opportunities for locals. The College is an important Community Centre where, outside school hours, its facilities are used for multi-purpose events.

Although Samoa has remained free of Coronavirus infections, the pandemic has had a detrimental impact on the already fragile Samoan economy. Border closures have crippled the tourism industry of which many families rely on for their livelihood. Many students are finding it difficult to pay schools fees and in turn the schools struggle to meet operating costs. We are so thankful to benefactors who enable the good work of both the schools to continue.

Don Bosco College and Vocational Technical Centre is also offering an accredited Certificate I in Trades Foundation Skills as part of their program. The course is in its first year of implementation and upon completion the graduating students are ready to tackle challenges in the workforce. Students had the opportunity to showcase their products consisting of dressers, coffee tables, beds and cabinets to their families and community.

"It is with great joy and gladness that we have accomplished this part of the programme. We would like to thank those who sponsored this project, our Australian supporters. We are grateful that our students have accomplished and learned new skills and gained knowledge which was our goal," said Principal, Father Nukuluve.

Timor Leste

The Salesian Priests, Brothers and Sisters are making significant contributions in Timor Leste through their schools, orphanages, training centres and medical clinic. Education remains the key to helping individuals acquire skills for better living and allows them to actively participate in the development of their country. The Salesians tireless work is highly valued and continues making a real difference.



Maliana boarding Electrical Students (Sept 2019)

Don Bosco Co-educational Technical High School, Maliana, is an important social and educational centre for meetings and youth gatherings. The School, with boarding facilities, offers a three year Diploma course in General Electricity. After school, the students are encouraged to work in the vegetable garden, which provides food for the boarding home.

At **Don Bosco Technical School Fatumaca**, 200 students had the opportunity to specialise in building construction, mechanical, electrical installation, and electronic communications. The Radio and Television Stations remain a great success, providing work experience opportunities for the electronics students; broadcasting to villages within a 50km radius.

The focus of **St Anthony's High School Baucau** is the creation of a genuine centre of learning. The Luncheon Program continues to provide students with the nourishment they required to learn, especially for those students who walk long distances to school without breakfast.

With 95 boys, aged 6 – 16, the **Don Bosco Orphanage in Lospalos**, aims to educate boys to be self-disciplined, organised and live responsibly. This also includes those that come 'after school' to work in the vegetable garden.

With more than 75 per cent of the population deriving their livelihood from farming, **Don Bosco Agricultural College, Fuiloro** plays an important role in promoting better care of livestock and increasing the yield of crops. In 2020, the school continued to work towards becoming more self-sustainable by increasing farm production of corn, animal feed, horticultural and coconut oil.



Laga Orphanage Students preparing rice (2020)

The **Maria Auxiliadora Medical Clinic** remains the only facility to provide medical care to patients and villages in the Venilale district, their services are in great demand at this critical time. Funds are used to purchase medicines, milk powder for babies and salaries. Almost 9,000 patients are consulted each year, mainly for skin conditions, malnutrition and tuberculosis. The Clinic promotes health education classes in local schools and nearby villages while the mobile medical clinic services remote villages conducting health checks.

The **Salesian Sisters Orphanages in Laga and Venilale** cater for girls in need aged 6 – 16 with a home, education and a secure environment. Through 'integral education' incorporating studies such as theatre, dance, music, sewing and sport they encourage the development of their skills and talents.

The **Womens Training Centre in Fuloro** offers courses in computing, basic office management and sewing. Students entering the program are mainly from rural poverty-stricken families. A high proportion of their graduates' secure work in Dili or Baucau.

In early 2020 a drought in East Timor impacted many parts of the country especially as they rely on subsistence farming for both food and income. Frans from the **Don Bosco Agricultural College in Fuloro** reported, "A long summer with very little rain has reduced both feed for the animals and produce for the community, borders and surrounding villages. Due to the lack of reliable rain we were unable to sow corn this year and many of our plantings have dried up. This certainly will affect our ability to provide food. We have increased the volume of rice purchased which is very costly".



Lospalos Orphanage Students (Sept 2019)



INDIA – ‘Covid Warriors’

Don Bosco Mumbai providing Covid-19 education and distributing food packages (May 2021)

The situation in India is both overwhelming and frightening. Despite this, Salesians are doing their utmost to help the most affected and vulnerable by collaborating with other Aid Agencies to provide a co-ordinated response. With a greater need and a different focus, the Salesians work in India continues to bring aid and comfort to the **‘poorest of the poor’**.

The Don Bosco Schools in various locations have been transformed into quarantine centres to help those struggling with Covid-19 related issues.

In **Bangalore and Mumbai** food packages are being delivered to: Covid-19 patients who are treated at home, families who have lost their main income earner, migrant labourers and the marginalized of society. To minimise the spread of the virus fridges with food parcels have been placed on the roadside at central collection points for the needy. Covid-19 Care Centres have been established to assist those from the slums and where hygiene kits are being dispensed.

Volunteers including religious brothers and sisters are working in shifts in hospitals to assist where needed. These **‘Covid Warriors’** are trained by medical experts to assist the nurses and doctors, serve food and dispense medicine to Covid-19 patients in the general wards. (photo right – Covid Warrior Volunteers May 2021)



The **Salesian Bangalore Rural Educational Development Society (BREADS)** in partnership with other agencies have initialised a “food to your doorstep” service free of cost for Covid-19 patients who are under quarantine. Education on the Covid-19 vaccination is provided and centres have been established in remote area to administer the vaccine.



Salesians in New Delhi, staff and volunteers have delivered groceries to over 700 families, with plans to reach 10,000 families in June. Financial assistance has been given to hundreds of displaced people to meet basic expenses including rent. Currently they are procuring oxygen tanks and beds for five charity hospitals who will provide free service to the needy as the lack of available treatment is the reason for so many deaths. With unemployment on the increase, Salesians in New Delhi are also running vocational training courses in sewing as a long-term strategy to build the self-sustainability of families.

Don Bosco Mumbai continue to provide relief to the people living in mountainous regions. This work becomes vital as the economic situation continues to decline by almost 24%. Don Bosco Development Society along with various partner organisations have successfully completed a Covid-19 food distribution project, assisting over 11,000 villagers and poor farmers. Salesians, staff and volunteers travelled to remote tribal villages in the hills, supporting thousands of people by providing food and hygiene kits during the pandemic. They also provided food kits to internal Indian migrants who were trying to return home due to the lockdown. The migrants endured a long wait of 3-4 weeks to access transport. Numerous special convoys were organised, however social distancing measures and the large number of people made the process slow and complicated.

We receive updates daily on the many worthwhile works that are carried out by Don Bosco Salesians. It is encouraging that so many are offering their time and efforts to alleviate the suffering of those most in need. We are very grateful for the financial assistance we have received from Australian donors to enable this good work to continue.

Sadly, we have been informed many Priests, Brothers and staff have died from contracting Covid-19. Our prayers are assured for them and all of those affected.

Photo's above and right Distribution of food and hygiene supplies to remote villages in Mumbai (Sept 2020)





South Sudan

Gumbo, South Sudan Internal Displaced Persons Camp (Jul 2020)

The Salesian Community in Gumbo, South Sudan consists of a Parish, Technical-Vocational Training Center, Elementary and Middle Schools, Women's Promotion Center, Youth Center and an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Camp which was established in 2014 after the civil war. Don Bosco Salesians continue to support over 10,000 children, orphans, women and elderly IDP's with food, water, education, hygiene supplies and medical care.

Despite the difficulties during Covid-19, the regular distribution of much needed basic necessities to vulnerable families is welcomed. Salesians provide Covid-19 awareness education to refugees and the protocols of the Ministry of Health, to wash their hands often, maintain hygiene and body care.

The biggest fear is the real possibility of an epidemic in the camp. Tents are close: there is no room for social distancing. The camp is adjacent to several crowded local communities. It is impossible to prevent the flow of people between the camp and these communities.

Don Bosco Training Centre technical staff have volunteered to make and distribute metal stands for water tanks in their IDP Camps. This initiative is part of the support by Salesians towards containing the spread of Covid-19 among refugees.

Instability in the country remains high. Funding is inadequate and fails to meet the needs of all internally displaced people. South Sudan is a largely rural country with 80% of the population living in poverty, whilst more than a third of the population do not have access to food.



South Sudanese social distancing while lining up for food supplies (July 2020)

ETHIOPIA:

The Salesian communities continue to provide support to the local street children and vulnerable elderly over 14 educational and youth centres in 5 regions.

The current situation in Ethiopia has become extremely challenging with the country grappling with health, food, and social emergencies that are growing day by day. Covid-19 infections are increasing and add to the common active outbreaks of cholera, measles, and malaria. The country has also been the victim of a second wave of locusts, destroying hectares of much needed crops.

Covid-19 outreach programs conducted by the Salesians have provided health prevention tools and awareness training to more than 24,000 children and young people throughout the country. The distribution of hygiene materials, food and masks, is combined with the Covid-19 awareness to learn the basic safety measures to help minimize the spread. Marginalised groups have been severely impacted during the pandemic lockdown, leaving them at greater risk of infection and malnutrition.

Don Bosco Mekanissa, are supplying water to thousands of poor people living in slums, so they can wash their hands etc, thus contain the spread. The Salesians have repaired an old truck and 5,000 litre reservoir tank to transport water daily to the area.

Salesians remain focused on assisting poor malnourished children and destitute families with food, medicines, education and rehabilitation whilst also helping needy students in rural schools.



Don Bosco Centre distributing food packages
(Sept 2020)

PRINCIPLES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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.

Salesians, Staff and Parents from Don Bosco Technical College Fatumaca, Timor Leste, receive training on safeguarding the rights of children and adhering to the expectations of Salesian Missions Australia Child Safeguarding Guidelines and Policy. A past student speaker explained the importance of building better relationships with students grounded in trust and respect. (Feb 2020)

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 is 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.



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 non-government organisations in Australia working in the field international aid and development.



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MEMBER

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 it's 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 2020 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 Economer (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.



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

Fr Brian is responsible for Vocations and Youth Ministry and is stationed at the Salesian Community in Lysterfield, Vic. He is the

former Rector of Dominic College Glenorchy, Tas and Xavier College Gawler, SA.



Fr Petelo Vito - Pau, B Theol (MCD)

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

Bosco Technical Centre, Alafua, Samoa.

Our Team



Br Michael Lynch, Director
B Ec (Monash), M Ed
(Harvard)
(Retired Jan 2021)



Ms Tina Newton, Director
(From Jan 2021)



Mrs Olga Elliott, Office
Manager
With ASMOAF for 41 years.

Financial Snapshot

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 2020 for overseas development work was \$1,885,275, an increase of \$195,866 on donations received in the previous year. This is mainly due to an increase in general donations from the previous year.

Total expenditure was \$1,989,464 which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There was \$790,740 available for distribution in 2020.

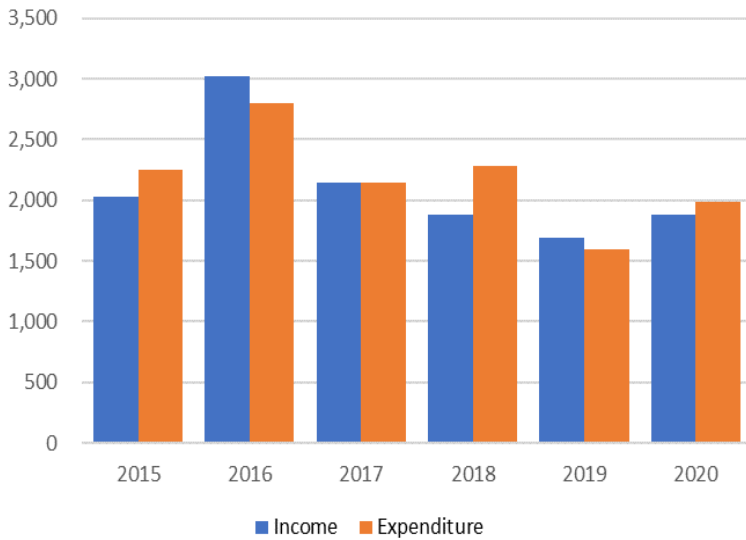
The operating result for the year ended December 31, 2020 decline by \$104,189 as a greater amount of funds held were distributed to partners in need.

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.

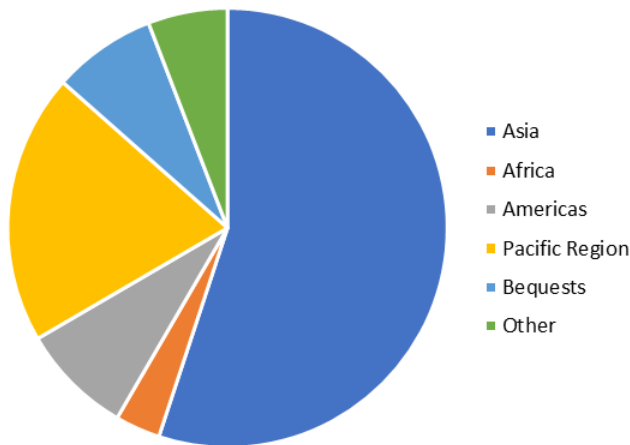
Funds are raised by requests via -

- The annual Salesian Missions Newsletter.
- Direct mail to supporters of specific countries e.g. 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, however this was negatively impacted due to the lengthy Covid-19 lockdowns.
- Articles in the *Salesian Bulletin* and *Catholic Press*.

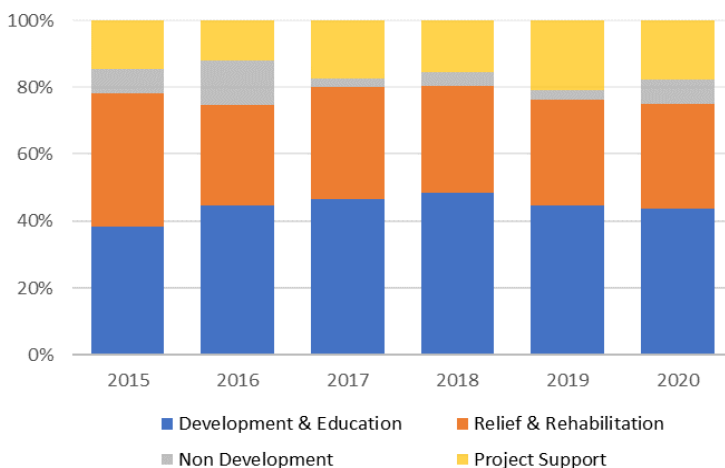
Income vs Expenditure (000)



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



Carpentry Students at Centro Don Bosco Technical School (Aug 2018)

2020-2022 Strategic Plan

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, 2020

		2020	2019
		\$	\$
Notes	Revenue		
i	Donations and Gifts		
	-Monetary	1,661,211	1,375,748
ii	Bequests and Legacies	143,492	227,549
		<u>1,603,297</u>	<u>1,603,297</u>
iv	Investment Income	8,051	13,107
v	Other Income	48,600	0
vi	Revenue for International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	23,921	73,005
	Total Revenue	<u>1,885,275</u>	<u>1,689,409</u>
	Expenditure		
	International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
vii	International Programs		
	- Funds to overseas projects	1,506,302	1,219,468
viii	- Program support costs	19,735	18,409
ix	Community Education	91,371	99,365
x	Fund raising costs		
	- Public	66,902	64,006
xi	Accountability and Administration	164,218	153,478
	Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	<u>1,848,528</u>	<u>1,554,726</u>
xii	International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	140,936	44,139
xiii	Domestic Program Expenditure	0	0
	Total Expenditure	<u>1,989,464</u>	<u>1,598,865</u>
	Excess/(Shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	(104,189)	90,544
xiv	Provision for Long Service Leave	0	0
		<u>(104,189)</u>	<u>90,544</u>
	Extraordinary Items		
	Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	894,929	804,385
xv	Funds available at the end of the financial year for future use	<u>790,740</u>	<u>894,929</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	803,648	893,687
Trade and other receivables	0	1,242
Total Current Assets	803,648	894,929
Non Current Assets		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	803,648	894,929
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	12,908	0
Total Current Liabilities	12,908	0
Total Non Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,908	0
NET ASSETS	790,740	894,929
EQUITY		
xvi Reserves	894,929	804,385
Retained Earnings	(104,189)	90,544
TOTAL EQUITY	790,740	894,929

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2020

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2020	894,929	0	0	894,929
Adjustments to equity	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	(104,189)	0	0	(104,189)
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Balance at December 31, 2020	790,740	0	0	790,740

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2020

Bank Balance January 1, 2020	894,929
Debtors	0
Income for the year ended December 31, 2020	1,885,275
	2,780,204
Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2020	1,989,464
Bank Balance December 31, 2020	790,740

TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

	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	221,524	347,259	384,609	184,174
Timor Leste	307,401	407,603	401,789	313,215
Vietnam	26,744	243,905	229,502	41,147
Nepal	203	500	702	1
Philippines	19,796	11,140	20,175	10,761
Pakistan	5,298	6,575	8,941	2,932
Myanmar	1,456	2,945	754	3,647
Sri Lanka	1,294	3,535	4,077	753
Thailand/Cambodia	9,077	14,124	18,950	4,251
Hong Kong	99	0	0	99
Mongolia	4,834	0	0	4,834
Africa				
Ethiopia	29,232	25,242	31,562	22,912
Mozambique/Congo	11,196	17,540	23,784	4,952
Tanzania/Zambia	2,657	0	2,440	217
Sudan/South Sudan	30,361	11,155	28,722	12,794
Swaziland	160	7,200	7,359	1
Kenya & Matercare	420	1,300	1,024	696
Central America				
Guatemala	3,359	152,530	155,028	861
South America				
Ecuador	657	2,475	541	2,592
Pacific				
Samoa	18,276	89,103	79,396	27,984
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	15,855	6,958	17,978	4,835
Fiji	55,812	206,883	254,323	8,372
North of the Sahara				
Egypt	2,389	3,675	809	5,256
Emergency Fund	1,409	0	0	1,409
General Account	16,805	122,710	106,249	33,266
Bequests	104,223	143,492	202,645	45,070
Job Keeper	0	48,600	0	48,600
Cagliero	4,387	775	4,558	605
Interest	5	8,051	3,550	4,506
	894,929	1,885,275	1,989,464	790,739

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END DEC 31, 2020

- i Donations - \$1,661,211**
Funds amounting to \$1,606,543 were used for projects in Asia, Africa, Central & South America and the Pacific. \$54,668 was in the form of general donations, of this \$53,884 was for Development/Education and \$784 was for Non-Development purposes.
- ii Bequests and Legacies**
\$143,492 was received in Bequests for Development and Non Development Purposes.
- iii Grants**
No Government or other grants were received by Salesian Missions Australia during 2020.
- iv Investment Income**
\$8,051 was received by Salesian Missions Australia during the year as interest on funds held and invested.
- v Other Income**
\$48,600 was received during the year from the Federal Government in the form of Jobkeeper. A wage subsidy scheme paid to businesses who were significantly impacted by the lockdowns and impacts of Coronavirus, in order to assist employers to continue paying their employees.
- vi Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs**
\$23,921 was received for religious purposes - specifically for the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.
- vii International Programs**
\$1,506,302 was allocated for development projects in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Pacific.
- viii Program Support Costs - \$19,735** was spent on costs associated with the monitoring of projects
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|--|--------------------|---------------|
| | Salaries | 16,151 |
| | Computer, Internet | 3,351 |
| | Printing | 144 |
| | Travel | 89 |
| | | 19,735 |
- ix Community Education - \$91,371**
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| | Stipends | 58,007 |
| | Salesian Bulletin | 18,450 |
| | Newsletter | 14,914 |
| | | 91,371 |
- x Fund raising costs - \$66,902** All advertising in 2020 was public. The money was spent on fundraising material and advertisements aimed at securing support for development projects abroad.
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|--|------------------------|---------------|
| | Salaries | 48,452 |
| | Newsletter Advertising | 14,914 |
| | Printing | 663 |
| | Postage | 2,873 |
| | | 66,902 |

xi Accountability & Administration- \$164,218

Costs were incurred for:

Salaries	96,904
Bank charges	6,129
Rental	25,000
Vehicle (inc. petrol)	3,208
Utilities	2,460
Printing	864
Postage	718
ACFID Subscription	7,957
Audit	5,600
Telephone	3,356
Stationery & Subscriptions	4,202
Computer, Internet	7,820
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	164,218
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xii Expenditure on International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs

\$140,936 was transferred for Non-Development purposes, the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.

xiii Domestic Program Expenditure

Salesian Missions Australia did not fund any domestic projects in 2020.

xiv Long Service Leave

Nil.

xv Funds available for future use

\$790,740 is available for allocation during 2021.

xvi Reserves

Other than the funds available for future use, no other reserves were created in 2020.

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, 2021.

10th May 2021

2020 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 2020. That Report shows Total Equity of \$790,740.

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 2020 and complies with the format required by the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Yours Faithfully



Kevin F Jones, FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT