



*Helping youth build a
better future*

Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2021



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,



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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 Mazzerello High School, Venilale, Timor Leste (Mar 2022)
Our Work – Student from Mazzerello High School, Venilale, Timor Leste (Mar 2022), Timorese receiving aid after the April 2021 devastating flood.



From the Chair

Dear Friends,

Many people around the world unite together in recent months to support those who are less fortunate and have experienced some hardships. It is a true display of Christian spirit, showing care and concerns for those around us.

Our founder St. John Bosco always looked for opportunities to help those in need. He has asked his followers, the Salesians, to do likewise. The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund [ASMOAF] coordinates your generosity to reach the young ones who are most in need regardless of their religion, culture or nationalities. I have enjoyed and witnessed the hard work of the ASMOAF under the direction of Ms Tina Newton and Mrs Olga Elliott.

This report testifies your generosity reaching out to countless numbers of youth and families around the world who now enjoy a better life and into brighter futures.

I thank you immensely for your support as you opened hearts and purses for the good of the global society. I pray that you and your loved ones be blessed abundantly by our loving God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for your love and care.

God Bless
Fr William Matthews SDB
Chair



Salesians visiting Fiji community March 2022



From the Director



Dear Friends,

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

Don Bosco Salesians continue to be a significant contributor to the Ukraine Relief effort by coordinating assistance from various countries such as Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic and the Ukraine. We are thankful for the \$225,000 that has been raised through our office to directly help those in most need. At this time, it is still uncertain as to how long Ukraine people will be displaced. We pray for their wellbeing and safety.

There is a new human disaster looming, the World Health Organisation has expressed their concerns for the ongoing food shortages experienced in the horn of Africa affecting countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and South Sudan. We will continue to support Salesian projects providing relief to the needy.

Our Annual Report includes highlights from the inspiring projects making a real difference in 2021: the distribution of food and hygiene packs during the Covid-19 pandemic, providing relief to those impacted by the Myanmar unrest, providing assistance to the Timorese and our schools during the floods in April 2021 and promoting vocational education of female students and community programs in Samoa.

I am pleased to say that in 2021 we were able to distribute over \$1.64 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.

On behalf of our Salesian partners, I would like to thank you our supporters for bringing hope to those in need.

Kind regards
Tina Newton
Director

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2021

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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

2021 was a challenging year for Salesian Missions Australia – a year in which many requests for funds were received during this ever-changing climate. Our overseas partners requested assistance for their continued Covid-19 work and relief assistance after catastrophic floods in Timor Leste. These demands have continued into 2022 as our Ukraine and Polish partners assist numerous people in need during the current unrest.

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.

MYANMAR – A CALL FOR PEACE



In 2021 the struggle for peace by the Myanmar people continues. The New Government of National Unity is slowly becoming more organized and visible both in Myanmar and abroad. The Civil Disobedience

movement encouraged the people to protest against the military's coup, who continues to impact the call for peace.

Salesians in Myanmar indicate that they are trying to continue peacefully with their work and educational programs. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo has written to his people saying; "I believe that peace is the only way. There are always ways for expressing our protest in non-violent way. The current events are due to a sad lack of dialogue and communication where diverse views are disputed in violent ways. What has happened is painful and has shattered our people. I write with prayers and hope that this great nation and land of graceful people, will be a reconciled community of hope and peace"

Largely through the support of the St John Bosco Engadine Parish, food and supplies were provided to over 200 families in desperate need.

Our Provincial Fr Will Matthews asks that we pray for his fellow Burmese people, that the civil unrest comes to an end and the people of Myanmar find peace.

Salesian Missions Australia Disbursed \$1.6 Million to over 22 countries, impacting the lives of many people in great need.



Youth and Education Centre, Fiji April 2022

FIJI – IT’S COMPLETED, A PLACE FOR ALL TO ENJOY!

After much patience and perseverance, the Don Bosco Youth and Education Centre in Suva, Fiji is now complete and has officially opened! The Salesians together with the assistance of young and laypeople, are running programs for the youth from the surrounding areas six days a week.

A further five brothers have just arrived from Samoa (once borders opened) to help establish, support and run all the programs. Currently, the programs offered are very simple – the Salesian brothers are using the fields outside the hall to conduct outdoor games and activities. The purpose of this is to reconnect to the community after long periods of continued lockdowns and to simply have fun. Over time participants can familiarise themselves with the timetable and feel comfortable coming to the centre. This has been very successful with an average of 60 – 70 young people from all different backgrounds, cultures and faiths are joining in activities each day and even an attendance of over 200 youth on a couple of occasions.

The overarching goal and focus of the youth centre – is to give young people a safe and nurturing space to grow, learn and have fun. The multipurpose Hall is space where youth are drawn off the street, offered quality time with their friends in an environment where life skills, teamwork, games, sporting facilities and educational programs will keep them away from disruptive and unlawful behaviour. A positive environment helps to build confidence and assists in employment opportunities for a variety of pathways; volunteer work, vegetable growing projects or receive support and encouragement to pursue full or part time training.

The Hall is also utilised by the community as a place to gather and hold functions. On a number of occasions in 2021, the community came together to reflect and celebrate together. The Salesian Community have developed a plan to ensure the Hall’s continued success and sustainability.

The second stage of the build is to clear the surrounding land and build a netball/basketball/volleyball court and 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 the young people.

Furnish Fiji

Filled with much needed tables, desks, chairs, clothing, books and sporting equipment, a shipping container was delivered to the newly completed Don Bosco Youth and Education in Nasinu, Suva, Fiji. We would like to thank the many involved who either donated goods or held fundraisers to assist with the freight costs. We would especially like to acknowledge the following school fundraisers: despite the continued lockdowns, St Joseph’s Ferntree Gully for their ‘Tropical day’, Salesian College Sunbury Pancake Day, St Mark’s College Port Pirie Feast day, Salesian College Chadstone and St Therese’s Essendon for their donation of desks.

THROUGH EDUCATION HOPE IS BORN IN SAMOA

With 50% of Samoa's population under the age of 20, and youth unemployment at almost 18%, both Don Bosco Technical Centre (DBTC) in Alafua and the Don Bosco



Technical and Vocational College (DBTVC) in Salelologa, continue to provide education and training focused on teaching employable skills so that all students have the ability to develop a career.

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

In recent years the school has gained a growing reputation and enrolments have doubled. Unfortunately, not all students are able to complete their education due to lack of family financial support. Student scholarship assistance is always welcomed.

Upon graduation, many students secure employment promptly so they can help their families and develop their own careers. This is a significant achievement in a country with high unemployment.

DBTVC is a High School which offers an integrated curriculum with academic and technical subjects designed to provide students with employment and human relations skills, as well as self-reliance. Through the school's work experience program, students meet potential employers and use skills they have learned. We are thankful for the continued support of Dominic College, Glenorchy for providing scholarships for poor students who otherwise would not have the opportunity of an education.

COMMUNITY SEWING COURSE

With a donation in 2020 by the Australian High Commission Office in Samoa, 20 sewing machines were purchased as previously, students were sewing by hand. To fill a need expressed by the wider community, a 10-week evening course was offered consisting of 20 places. This has now progressed to 30 students with the 6th groups graduating in October 2021.

Mane Su'a, past pupil and current School Principal explained at a recent graduation ceremony, "the sewing course started late September 2020 and is an initiative that aims to improve the quality of life of vulnerable women and girls through learning new skills." He went onto congratulate those involved in offering this opportunity and reminding everyone "it is never too late to learn."



The course has given local women and men the skills to have the ability to earn an income for their families.



NEW HOSPITALITY FACILITIES IN ALAFUA, SAMOA

With assistance from NCOBF Pty Ltd and St John Bosco Parish Engadine, DBTC is improving its facilities with purpose-built Hospitality and Cookery classrooms. The practical facilities will ensure students have use of equipment that replicates a commercial kitchen and café. This will provide students with a better quality and more cohesive course.

Upon initial research and consultation with the community, it was highlighted that resorts in Samoa have difficulty acquiring suitable employees with the appropriate hospitality skills. Qualified local staff are preferred rather than hospitality staff from overseas. DBTC is attempting to fill this void.

The Hospitality Program aims to introduce students to a variety of skills, while increasing their literacy, numeracy, interpersonal and communication skills.

On completion, they will be competent in;

- Safety and hygiene practices in the workplace.
- Responsible preparation and serving of food, beverages and alcohol.
- Business technology, customer service and communication.
- Environmentally Sustainable Tourism.

Students are also preparing food for fellow students and teachers to purchase. Funds collected are used to buy food and supplies for the course.



When the facility is not utilised by the school it can be hired out in conjunction with their existing event space (the Fale – a traditional undercover area) to private functions and provide an income stream for the course and school at large to ensure its sustainability. The building was completed and ready for the 2022 school year.



Students from Don Bosco Technical Centre, Hospitality Opening Ceremony, Alafua (Feb 2022) above photos



Timor Leste

Despite an exceptional challenging year for the people of Timor Leste facing major floods in April and the continued Covid-19 lockdowns forcing schools to close, a great amount has been achieved. The Salesian of Don Bosco communities and schools have used this time to make much needed repairs and maintenance. *Unfortunately, the challenge to find funds for salaries and general running costs remain as the absence of government support continues.*

On Easter Sunday, Dili, the capital of Timor Leste was devastated by Cyclone Seroja causing widespread floods and landslides which destroyed more than 500 homes. Intense rain and storms sent surging torrents of water through towns and villages turning the streets of Dili into canals. Roads and bridges were destroyed and many locals lost all their belonging.

At the time Dili's population of more than 220,000 was in lockdown to tackle the nation's rising COVID transmission. Catering for the victims in the aftermath of the floods presented new challenges in addition to the existing health crisis. Many Timorese fled to higher ground and travelled back to their villages to escape the floods and this resulted in the transmission of Covid-19 to remote villages.



The Don Bosco Technical Training Centre in Comoro was converted into a major relief/evacuation centre providing shelter and food for those who had lost their homes and possessions. The gymnasium and classrooms were used for emergency accommodation by more than 3500 displaced persons. The Salesian Sisters opened their doors to care for the most vulnerable, elderly, disabled, pregnant women and infants. The nearby Salesian Parish of Mary Help of Christians arranged food parcels for those who had been cut-off from access to supplies and who had lost all their belongings in the floods.

The Salesians provided food parcels and supplies to those in need. A more permanent Displaced Persons Camp was constructed within the Don Bosco Technical Schools grounds providing accommodation and meals for 265 people, 43 families. A bore was drilled to provide clean water for those residing in the grounds. To improve the conditions for families living in tents and sleeping on the ground, the school students constructed beds to provide a healthier living environment.

With more than 75 per cent of the population deriving their livelihood from farming, **Don Bosco Agricultural College, Fuloro** plays an important role in promoting how to improve traditional farming methods and students are taught ways of increasing the yield from crops through practical experience. The food produced on the farm is consumed by the students in the boarding house, thus helping to reduce the overall running costs. Fr Jose reports, "with the replacement of the roof now complete, our aim is to become more self-sustainable by increasing farm production of corn, animal feed, horticultural production, coconut oil production and improved livestock intake."



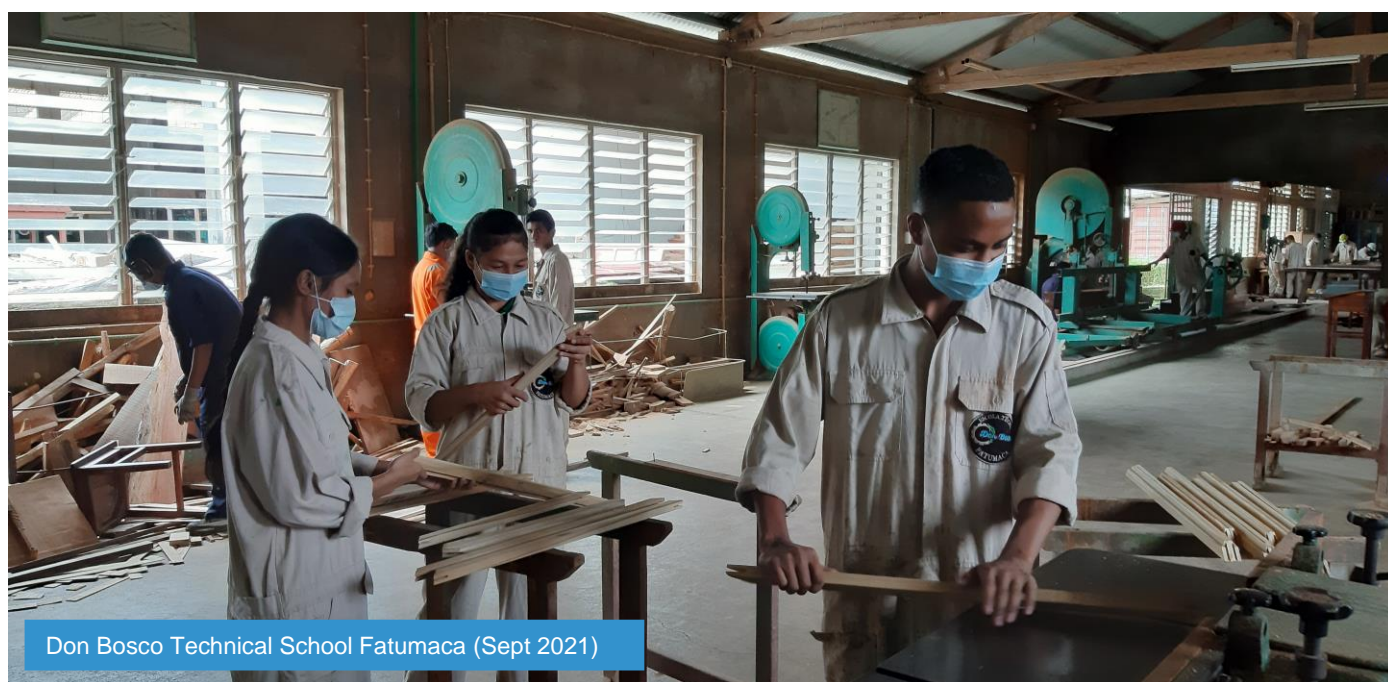
Sr Olga Belo from the **St Dominic Savio Orphanage in Venilale** is pleased to report the completion of the replacement of the dormitory roof and ceiling which houses 100 girls between the ages of 6-16 years. It has certainly improved the living conditions of the girls, as they are no longer concerned about a leaky roof especially with the oncoming rainy season.



The **Salesian Sisters Medical Clinic** continues to assist the poor in the surrounding remote villages of Venilale, who otherwise would not receive any medical care. It is an essential service where patients are treated for common ailments such as malaria, tuberculosis, asthma and pneumonia with a focus on care for mothers and children. As a high proportion of the local population live in poverty and experience food shortages, access to the Clinic is an important alternative to a hospital visit, which is both costly and difficult to access. Sr Carolina said “It has been particularly concerning this year as the focus shifted to the pandemic, with attention to other medical issues being neglected. We ensured that the Clinic remained open so that we could continue conducting health checks and education on Covid-19.”

With the generous support of the Montagner-Zembruzuski Family Foundation, the **Don Bosco Technical School, Maumali, Maliana** has completed the piggery and poultry construction. The students and boarders from the surrounding villages have welcomed this new venture in the caring of livestock. Emergency repairs to the water system and replacement of part of the educational workshop roof were undertaken with the support of Australia donors.

In Balide, a tank was installed at the **Salesian Sisters Training Centre** to provide clean drinking water to those from rural villages attending the secretarial and computer courses.



Don Bosco Technical School Fatumaca (Sept 2021)

INDIA – Don Bosco Heroes Giving Hope



Don Bosco Centre converted into patient care facilities (Jul 2021)

The pandemic has had an unfortunate fallout on the entire country with continual surges in the number of Covid-19 cases. Lockdowns have left many migrant workers, poor

labourers and needy families with no income, access to food, supplies and medical care. Villages and slums lack good hospitals and health care facilities such as oxygen, ICU facilities, medicinal kits etc. to treat Covid-19 patients.

Devoted to helping the most vulnerable, Salesians of Don Bosco are assisting where needed from the most remote villages to the slums and surrounding suburbs. Don Bosco Centres and Schools have opened their doors providing shelter, food, relief packages, medical care and financial assistance to those in need. A co-ordinated approach was established amongst Salesians and volunteers launching relief activities such as:

- deliveries of food to the doorstep of Covid patients at home in isolation,
- hold numerous classes on the education of Covid-19 and the importance of hygiene precautions of washing hands, sanitizing, and wearing masks,
- establishing counselling services for the COVID-19 patients and assist Don Bosco Psychology and Social Work students to initiate a mental health “help desk” to offer support,
- converting schools into Covid Care Centres in areas where hospitals are overwhelmed.
- train volunteers to assist nurses and doctors in the hospitals,
- established Vaccination Centres to administer vaccines to thousands prioritising the elderly and vulnerable.
- supply oxygen, medicines, PPE kits, masks, etc., to those in need,
- provided financial aid assistance for those who require ambulance services, hospitalization, ICU facilities and burials.

Despite the impact of the pandemic, Salesians continue to assist those whose houses have been affected by floods, endorse women and children’s support centres, deliver online classes where possible and provide “meals on wheels” to thousands in need.

We thank the ‘Justice Squad’ from St Gerard Majella School, Woree Primary who through their commitment and passion for change, raised funds during the annual ‘Fast against Famine’ to assist Covid-19 victims in need, Well Done!



ETHIOPIA:

The armed conflict in the Tigray region continues with bombings in the area during recent weeks. This has increased the number of civilian deaths and further isolated the area where more than 400,000 people are starving. The 17 Salesian missionaries in the area are assisting the locals. It is estimated that the conflict has caused thousands of deaths, internally displaced two million people and driven more than 100,000 refugees to Sudan.



Don Bosco Centre distributing food packages (August 2021)

The Salesians continue to accompany the population and distribute the aid they receive. Overall, they are helping around 8,000 families, paying special attention to mothers and malnourished children. The latest news from the Salesians in Addis Ababa is that their fellow Salesians in the conflict areas are doing well, despite the worsening of the situation in recent weeks. The need for food is increasing every day and any help that arrives will save the lives of many starving and malnourished people. We are grateful for the solidarity received from Salesian communities all over the world, with the hope and prayer that peace may finally prevail.

South Sudan

The Internal Displaced Persons Camp in Gumbo, Juba is operated by the Salesians of Don Bosco at the parish of St Vincent-de-Paul and currently hosts 10,000 people, most of whom are women children and the elderly. The camp was established in January 2014, after the outbreak of the civil war in December 2013.

The camp provides shelter, food, education, health and other basic needs. Unfortunately, the schools have remained closed during the pandemic leaving 4,500 children (from kindergarten to vocational training) with no choice other than to stay home. Most live in tents and temporary housing.

Most people living in the nearby villages had no access to basic protection gear, lacked information for precautionary needs and awareness about the severity of Covid-19. As this contributed to a situation of panic among the people, the Salesians established a project with two primary goals. The first was to create awareness with the help of competent personnel to avoid superstitions and panic by providing information for healthy practices to fight the virus. Secondly, they supplied basic sanitary items in villages such as facemasks, soap and sanitizers as well as supply food items to those in need. Unfortunately, market prices have inflated due to the pandemic making the procurement of items difficult.

The villages around the mission have directly benefited from these projects as they become aware of the situation. The students, the young and those who work are concentrating on the sanitary items, whilst the women and the elderly in the villages are focused on the awareness programs. Sanitary kits for the children at the school were distributed along with cooked meals which provided much needed nutrition.

PRINCIPLES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

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

CHILD PROTECTION

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

Our Overseas Partners subscribe to our Child Safeguarding Policy and are informed of the requirements for the safety and best interests of children;

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

All Overseas Partners are required to “sign off” on the Child Safeguarding Policy as a condition of receiving funds.

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

PRIVACY

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

GENDER EQUITY

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment and accepts that it has a responsibility to create an environment free of discrimination, victimisation, sexual harassment and vilification - in accordance with the articles of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act (1995) regarding staff appointments and management, and with the Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. Code of Conduct, Sex Discrimination and Harassment policies. The principle of gender equity is also underlined in our Working Agreement with our Overseas Partners which must be adopted prior to engagement.

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

ACFID

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



Salesian Missions Australia is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct which specifies standards in organisational integrity, governance, communication with the public, finances, personnel and management practice. Our financial reports comply with the standards set by the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information, the ACFID Code can be found at www.acfid.asn.au

In 2020 Salesian Missions Australia underwent a Self-Assessment of its ability to comply with ACFID's Code of Conduct principles and procedures. We are pleased to advise we are Compliant to the Code and have also developed a number of Policies and Guidelines to guide our operations. These documents can be viewed on our website www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au. We are committed to full adherence of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

COMPLAINTS

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

Donors, Partners or any beneficiary of Salesian Missions Australia projects who wish to complain about any aspect of our management and procedures, may lodge the complaint in writing and forward it to:

The Chairman

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

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

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

Our Board

Our Board in 2021 meet monthly, serving in a voluntary capacity. They are:



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

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



Fr Peter Rankin (Dec. Jan 2022), B Theol (MCD) - Deputy Chairman

Fr Peter Rankin, Deputy Chairman and Vice Provincial of the Salesian Australian Pacific Province. He is Rector of Clifton Hill. Formerly Rector and School Chaplin at Glenorchy, Tas, and Vice Rector and Parish Priest Engadine, NSW.



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

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



Fr Peter Hoang, B Theol (MCD), B Ed(ACU) M RE (ACU)

Fr Peter Hoang is Provincial Councillor (2022 currently Vice Provincial and Deputy Chair), Delegate for Social Communications, Rector and Chaplain at Salesian College Sunbury. Previously, Rector of Salesian Community and Chaplain at St. John Bosco College and Dunlea Centre Engadine. Former REC of Dominic College Glenorchy.



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

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



Fr Petelo Vito - Pau, B Theol (MCD)

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

Our Team



Tina Newton
Director



Olga Elliott
Office Manager



Lauren Hichaaba, Pacific
Development Co-Ordinator



Michael Gartland
Social Communications

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 2021 for overseas development work was \$2,192,145, an increase of \$306,870 on donations received in the previous year. This is mainly due to an increase in donations for the victims of the April 2021 floods in Timor Leste. Also an increase in the funds received through bequests.

Total expenditure was \$1,988,580 which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There was \$994,305 available for distribution in 2021.

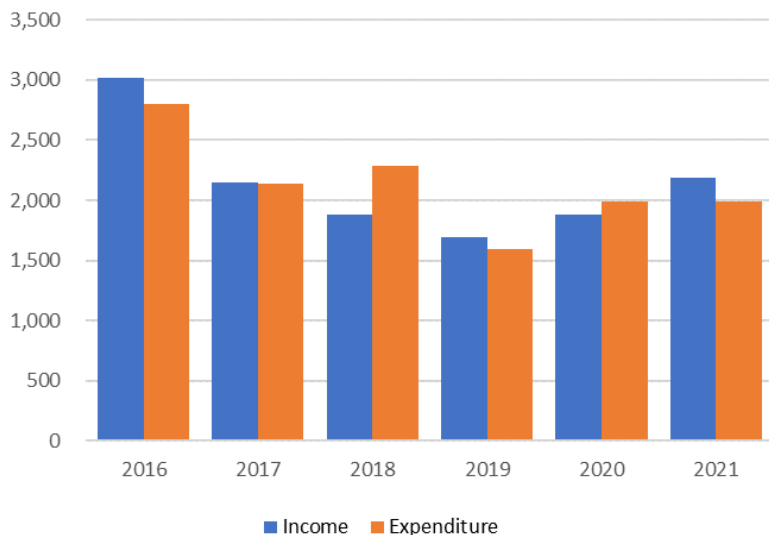
The operating result for the year ended December 31, 2021 increased by \$203,565 as a greater amount of funds were received from donors.

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

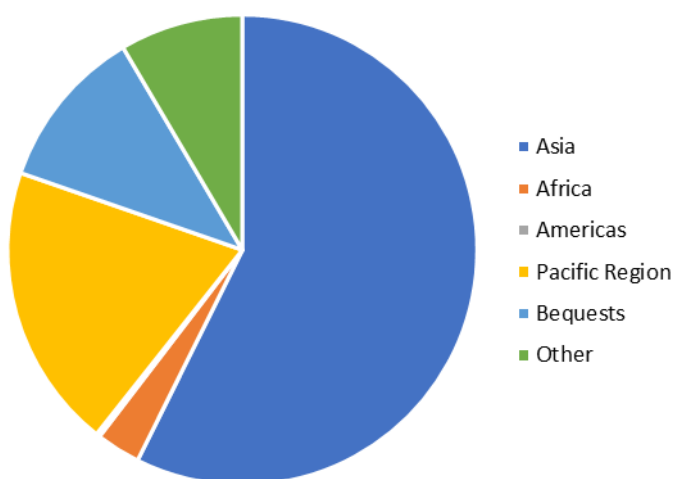
Funds are raised by requests via -

- The Salesian Missions Newsletter
- Social Media Posts and Articles
- Direct mail to supporters of specific countries e.g. Pacific, Ethiopia, South Sudan, India and Timor-Leste.
- Fundraisers organised by supporters for a specific project.
- Fundraising activities in schools and special collections in parishes, however this was negatively impacted due to the lengthy Covid-19 lockdowns.
- Articles in the *Salesian Bulletin* and Catholic Press.

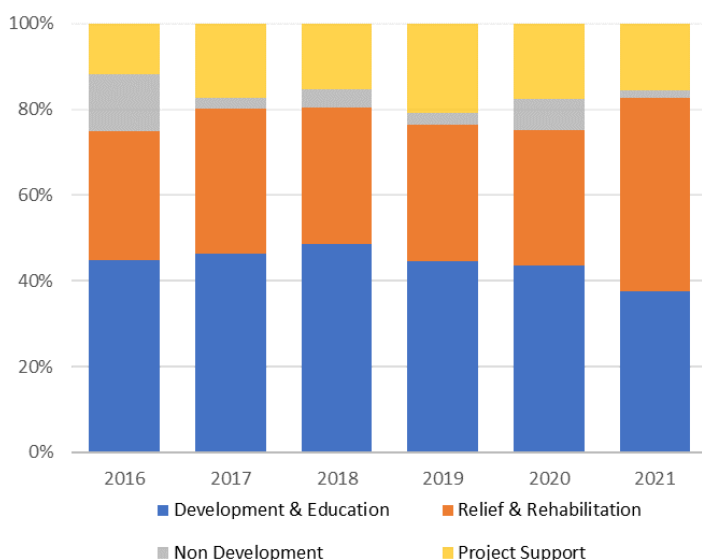
Income vs Expenditure (000)



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

OUR VALUES

As Salesians we draw our inspiration from Catholic Social Teaching.

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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



Salesian College Sunbury Pancake Day to raise funds for our Furnish Fiji Campaign.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 - 2022



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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn from past experiences to deliver stronger sustainable outcomes.

Our Financial Statements

Our Commitment to donors is to ensure every effort is made to maximise the value of their contribution. More than 90% of donations received by Salesian Missions Australia are earmarked for destinations specified by donors.

Donors wishes are respected whilst making sure administration costs are kept low.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

		2021	2020
		\$	\$
Notes	Revenue		
i	Donations and Gifts		
	-Monetary	1,883,545	1,661,211
ii	Bequests and Legacies	245,114	143,492
		<u>2,128,659</u>	<u>1,603,297</u>
iv	Investment Income	1,656	8,051
v	Other Income	19,200	48,600
vi	Revenue for International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	42,630	23,921
	Total Revenue	<u>2,192,145</u>	<u>1,885,275</u>
	Expenditure		
	International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
vii	International Programs		
	- Funds to overseas projects	1,642,405	1,506,302
viii	- Program support costs	39,375	19,735
ix	Community Education	53,192	91,371
x	Fund raising costs		
	- Public	66,751	66,902
xi	Accountability and Administration	150,406	164,218
	Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	<u>1,952,129</u>	<u>1,848,528</u>
	International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	36,451	140,936
xii		<u>36,451</u>	<u>140,936</u>
xiii	Domestic Program Expenditure	0	0
	Total Expenditure	<u>1,988,580</u>	<u>1,989,464</u>
	Excess/(Shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	203,565	(104,189)
xiv	Provision for Long Service Leave	0	0
		<u>203,565</u>	<u>(104,189)</u>
	Extraordinary Items		
	Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	790,740	894,929
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xv		<u>994,305</u>	<u>790,740</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	992,061	803,648
Trade and other receivables	2,244	0
Total Current Assets	994,305	803,648
Non Current Assets		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	994,305	803,648
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	0	12,908
Total Current Liabilities	0	12,908
Total Non Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	12,908
NET ASSETS	994,305	790,740
EQUITY		
Reserves	790,740	894,929
Retained Earnings	203,565	(104,189)
TOTAL EQUITY	994,305	790,740

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2021

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2021	790,740	0	0	790,740
Adjustments to equity	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	203,565	0	0	203,565
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Balance at December 31, 2021	994,305	0	0	994,305

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2021

Bank Balance January 1, 2021	790,740
Debtors	0
Income for the year ended December 31, 2021	2,192,145
	2,982,884
Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2021	1,988,580
Bank Balance December 31, 2021	994,305

TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	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	184,174	365,863	419,757	130,280
Timor Leste	313,215	572,695	551,100	334,810
Vietnam	41,147	275,859	242,952	74,054
Nepal	1	1,500	1,268	233
Philippines	10,761	11,050	21,525	286
Pakistan	2,932	4,155	5,935	1,152
Myanmar	3,647	17,768	19,392	2,023
Sri Lanka	752	1,860	2,236	376
Thailand/Cambodia	4,251	4,847	7,349	1,749
Hong Kong	99	50	0	99
Mongolia	4,834	0	0	4,834
Africa				
Ethiopia	22,912	35,123	26,606	31,429
Mozambique/Congo	4,952	16,704	20,632	1,024
Zambia	217	0	237	0
Sudan/South Sudan	12,794	12,595	7,444	17,945
Swaziland	1	0	0	1
Kenya	696	2,228	1,932	992
Central America				
Guatemala	861	1,750	367	2,244
South America				
Ecuador	2,592	3,990	4,843	1,739
Pacific				
Samoa	27,984	263,379	230,798	60,565
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	4,835	4,862	7,025	2,672
Fiji	8,372	161,544	135,793	34,123
North of the Sahara				
Egypt	5,255	3,480	7,621	1,114
Emergency Fund	1,409	0	0	1,409
General Account	81,866	164,877	72,127	174,616
Bequests	45,070	245,114	201,009	89,175
Job Keeper	0	19,200	0	19,200
Cagliero	605	26	632	-1
Interest	4,506	1,656	0	6,162
	790,740	2,192,145	1,989,464	994,305

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END DEC 31, 2021

- i **Donations - \$1,883,545**
Funds amounting to \$1,704,371 were used for projects in Asia, Africa, Central & South America and the Pacific. \$179,175 was in the form of general donations, of this \$178,885 was for Development/Education and \$290 was for Non-Development purposes.
- ii **Bequests and Legacies**
\$245,114 was received in Bequests for Development and Non Development Purposes.
- iii **Grants**
No Government or other grants were received by Salesian Missions Australia during 2021.
- iv **Investment Income**
\$1,656 was received by Salesian Missions Australia during the year as interest on funds held and invested.
- v **Other Income**
\$19,200 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**
\$42,630 was received for religious purposes - specifically for the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.
- vii **International Programs**
\$1,642,405 was allocated for development projects in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Pacific.
- viii **Program Support Costs - \$39,375** was spent on costs associated with the monitoring of projects
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|--------------------|--------|
| Salaries | 34,403 |
| Computer, Internet | 4,644 |
| Printing | 144 |
| Travel | 184 |
| | 39,375 |
- ix **Community Education - \$53,192**
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|-------------------|--------|
| Stipends | 17,202 |
| Salesian Bulletin | 24,600 |
| Newsletter | 11,390 |
| | 53,192 |
- x **Fund raising costs - \$66,751** All advertising in 2021 was public. The money was spent on fundraising material and advertisements aimed at securing support for development projects abroad.
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|------------------------|--------|
| Salaries | 51,604 |
| Newsletter Advertising | 11,526 |
| Printing | 432 |
| Postage | 3,189 |
| | 66,751 |

xi Accountability & Administration- \$150,406

Costs were incurred for:

Salaries	77,701
Bank charges	5,606
Rental	25,000
Utilities	2,460
Printing	864
Postage	797
ACFID Subscription	8,923
Audit	13,300
Telephone	150
Stationery & Subscriptions	4,560
Computer, Internet	10,836
Professional Development	209
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	150,406

xii Expenditure on International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs

\$36,451 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 2021.

xiv Long Service Leave

Nil.

xv Funds available for future use

\$994,305 is available for allocation during 2022.

xvi Reserves

Other than the funds available for future use, no other reserves were created in 2021.

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, 2022.

13th April 2022

2021 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 2021. That Report shows Total Assets of \$994,305.

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 2021 and complies with the format required by the ACFID Code of Conduct.

Yours Faithfully



Kevin F Jones, FCA
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT