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Welcome to the September Issue!



Comboni Sr. Maria Martinelli, is an Italian physician, and she talks with a patient in the St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Hospital in Wau, South Sudan. Sr. Maria is the hospital's medical director. Support from Misean Cara has funded community mobilisation through digital radio, developed the capacity of medical staff, provided antenatal services for women, and maternal and child health screening. Photo: Paul Jeffrey.

A Message from our CEO

The last month has been very busy in Misesan Care with the preparation for a monitoring visit to Nicaragua and Haiti during the first two weeks of October. I am excited to visit our projects, and to meet our members and partners in the field. During the visits I will be joined by Project Officer Ivanna Youtchak in Nicaragua, and Project Officer Colette Nkunda in Haiti.

We will be hosting our first ever Members' Meeting Port-au-Prince in Haiti so we can update everyone on some of the latest developments in the organisation like the Vision, and share all of the supports and opportunities available to members. I would like to thank all of our members who have been so helpful in the planning and organisation of the visit.

During the summer months we were blessed to have so many visitors to the office. It was great to meet Lazar Thanuzraj Stanislaus from the Divine Word Missionaries in India; Sr. Bridget Tighe from the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood Gaza; Pat Mooney a volunteer with Viatores Christ in Cambodia; and Fr. Elie Pierre from the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Haiti.

It is always good to re-connect with our members, and on that note we will be having our next Members' Meeting in Dublin on Thursday the 12th November. Please mark this important date in your diary. We will communicate details on the meeting agenda, and how to register soon.

Just last week, history was made with the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly. The goals are designed to end extreme poverty and hunger, fight inequality and injustice, and combat climate change.



CEO Heydi Foster

News Stories

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by 2030. There is a real global commitment with 19 world leaders committed to the goals including Pope Francis. This is the fifth time that a Pope has visited the UN, and Pope Francis made an inspiring address. He reiterated the need to protect the environment, and today's widespread and quietly growing "culture of waste." He also focused on the detrimental effects that wars in the Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Libya, and the Great Lakes region are having on men, women, children and families.



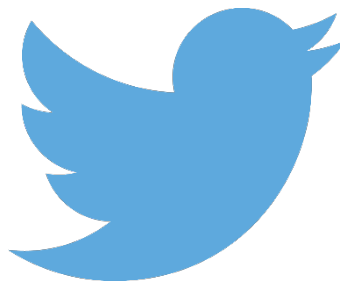
"First, it must be stated that a true 'right of the environment' does exist, for two reasons. First, because we human beings are part of the environment," said Pope Francis, "second, because every creature, particularly a living creature, has an intrinsic value, in its existence, its life, its beauty and its interdependence with other creatures."

"The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the World Summit, which opens today, is an important sign of hope. I am similarly confident that the Paris Conference on Climatic Change will secure fundamental and effective agreements."

In this month's issue of MissionAid, you can read a special report about the Sustainable Development Goals, their relevance for Misean Cara members and Ireland by our very own Board Director and

Send us your photos and videos!

We want to help showcase the work of our members by sharing photos, stories and videos of the wonderful work you do on our website, Facebook Page and MissionAid. If you have a photo, story or video to share then please email Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie



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Former Ambassador to Ethiopia Pauline Conway; a
Board Update from our Chairperson Lucy Franks; a
article about the struggle for citizenship in the
Dominican Republic, and lots more!

Kind regards,
Heydi



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PSS (grants between €20,000 - €100,000) Round 1 201
- Friday, 27 November.

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Chairperson Lucy Franks

Update From Our Board Chairperson

Warmest greetings to you all,

The Misean Cara Board met on 23rd September, the first Board meeting after the summer break.

Mid-Term Strategic Review

We were delighted to welcome Dr. Ian Williams from Caplor Horizons, who presented and discussed his Mid-Term Review of Misean Cara's Strategy 2013-2016. The review followed on from the successful collaborative Vision creation process earlier this year, and is due for submission to Irish Aid at the end of September.

Strategic Planning

Following on from the Board Induction, and the Mid-Term Strategic Review process, the Board will meet for an initial strategic planning session in November. [Read more](#)

Stories from the field

The Struggle For Citizenship In The Dominican Republic



Do we need to die before we get our citizenship? This is the question nearly a quarter of a million people ask themselves in the Dominican Republic. Recent citizenship legislation has effectively put over 220,000 people in limbo as they are categorised as foreign descent stateless.

In September 2013, the Dominican Constitutional Court made a landmark ruling revoking the citizenship of children of unauthorised migrants born in the Dominican Republic since 1929. While this decision affects the sons and daughters of immigrants – Jews, Europeans, Chinese, the vast majority of immigrant children living in the Dominican Republic are of Haitian descent. [Read now.](#)

Amathemba (Home of Hope) Going It Alone

Special Report by Viatores Christi Volunteer Aisling Foley, Project Manager with Amathemba (Home of Hope (HOH) for the last four and half years.



After four years Home of Hope (HOH) Amathemba is moving into its own building. It was blessed to be under the guidance of our partner school West Coast Christian School (WCCS) for almost four years. This support enabled HOH to pilot its school project without having to worry about premises, a principal or registration.

HOH is based in the Western Cape of South Africa. It provides community based foster homes for neglected, abused and abandoned children; a special needs school for children suffering from Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD); distributes donations of clothes and furniture; offers support to caregivers of children with FASD; and operates a training program on FASD for professionals. [Read now.](#)

Global Goals For Sustainable Development By 2030 Go Live!



Special Report by Former Ambassador to Ethiopia, and Mísean Cara Board Director Pauline Conway.

On 25 September 2015 at a Summit meeting in New York all 193 member states of the United Nations, represented by over 100 Heads of State or Government, committed themselves to 17 ambitious Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change by 2030. The Goals are backed-up by 169 targets, ensuring the level of ambition in the Goals is matched by detailed planning and the ability to monitor progress.

In his address to the United Nations on 25 September, Pope Francis welcomed the adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda as “an important sign of hope”. Ireland was represented at the Summit by President Michael D. Higgins and An Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D, while Justin Kilcullen, a member of Mísean Cara’s Board and Co- Chair of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) was one of the Irish NGO representatives. [Read now.](#)

Sector Interest Groups



On Thursday, 17 September the Income Generating and Livelihoods Sector Interest Group (SIG) met to discuss the latest developments in the sector.

Thank you to the 18 members who attended this meeting.

The meeting focused on three topics:

1. Michelle Hardiman Co-Founder Value Added Africa shared some insights about selling

African products in an Irish market

2. Knowledge Bank: A presentation on Business Plan Templates will be presented by MDOs Sr. Margaret Lynch and Michael O'Sullivan.

3. Misean Cara Learning & Development Officer Jenny O'Connor will lead a session on sample key result area indicators for Income Generating and Livelihoods. Jenny will present the draft key results area indicators that Misean Cara has developed.

If you, or a member of your organisation is interested in attending joining the group then please contact Don Lucey at dlucey@miseancara.ie

Events and Training Courses

Upcoming MDO Induction Course

Misean Cara will be facilitating the second of two MDO inductions in 2015, the first took place in May and the second one will take place in October. These courses will be co-hosted by Misean Cara and Kimmage Development Studies Centre. The induction course aims to support new Mission Development Officers (MDOs) entering into this role, provide information about Misean Cara and the support we offer, and to give an introduction to project cycle management and managing for development results.

The course is open to MDOs who would also like a refresher on the above subjects! Tentative dates are: Tuesday 6th October – Friday 9th October 2015. We may add an additional day based on feedback from participants back in May, we will confirm this in early September. If you are interested in registering please email Learning & Development Officer Jenny O'Connor joconnor@miseancara.ie

Upcoming Events & Training Courses:

- [Enrol on the Viatores Christi Overseas Volunteering Preparation Programme](#)
- [Action for the Prevention of Trafficking \(APT\) Concert](#)
- [European Year for Development #EYD2015](#)
- [Kimmage Development Studies Centre](#)
- [Child Safeguarding - Organisational Self Audit Tool \(Free\)](#)
- [The International NGO Training and Research Centre \(INTRAC\)](#)

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