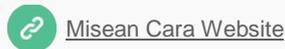
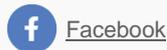


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Welcome to the August Issue!



K. Mahalakshmi shows Miseen Cara CEO Heydi Foster her buffalo. Buffalo milk has been a great source of nutrition for Mahalakshmi and her family. K. Mahalakshmi would like a second buffalo because when they are pregnant they do not produce milk. She received her buffalo as part of a Good Shepherd Sisters (GSS) Economic Justice project that empowers Dalit and Tribal women who have been marginalised. This project has a phenomenal reach to 750 women and 300 men, and the project works with them through livelihoods initiatives to develop skills, and provide access to microfinance. Heydi met Mahalakshmi during her recent monitoring visit to India. Photo: Miseen Cara.

A Message from our CEO

Welcome to our August issue of MissionAid!

I am writing to you from India where I have been visiting projects and consulting with members for our new strategic plan. The work on our strategic plan, the IT upgrade and Funding Schemes Review are all progressing well. Members joined us in August for input into the Funding Schemes Review and feedback was provided on recent developments. Your input into these consultations and discussions is always valued and very much appreciated.

In this month's edition, I would like to share some great articles showcasing the work of our members in Kenya and Ghana. We were delighted to learn that Fr Shay Cullen, Columban Missionary is this year's recipient of the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award and we extend our congratulations to him.

We would also like to welcome a new member organisation to the Misesan Cara family, the *Church Mission Society Ireland*. We will be meeting Jenny Smyth, Mission Director in September and look forward to learning more about CMS Ireland and their work. Further information on CMS Ireland can be found at www.cmsireland.org

In the words of Nelson Mandela, "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world", yet globally there are 124 million children and young adults who are not in school. The Ndeini Primary School is located in



CEO Heydi Foster

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Kibwezi a town in Makueni County in Kenya that suffers from severe drought as rain only comes once a year. Managed by the Christian Brothers (Edmund Rice Development), the school provides access to education to some of the poorest children in the area, many of whom are orphans. Read a special report by our Communications Officer, Tara Finglas about how the Ndeini Primary School uses a human rights approach to pass on vital lessons for life.

Earlier this summer, the Sisters of St. Louis hosted a financial workshop in Accra, Ghana. Facilitated by a trainer from the NGO Management Accounting for Non-Governmental Organisations (Mango). The sisters conducted 'health checks' on different sections of their apostolate. Read how the sisters developed their financial management skills.

Columban Fr. Shay Cullen has just been announced as the 2016 winner of the Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award. Chosen from 11 nominees who all have excelled themselves in their own right, Fr. Shay is being recognised for his outstanding contribution to human rights. Fr. Shay set up the People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance (PREDA) Foundation in the Philippines. For five decades, Fr. Shay has devoted himself to protecting the human rights of oppressed and exploited children. He has fearlessly challenged those who were not prepared to shoulder their responsibilities, including local vested interests, local and national government in the Philippines and the USA Government. Read why Fr. Shay deserves this special award.

Other news items include information about our

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 taringlas@miseancara.ie



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upcoming MDO Induction Course in October, training on our new IT system Mission Links and an opportunity to attend a sector wide event on Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response in November. We will also be hosting a members' meeting in November so save the date and we will provide further details shortly. So check out the information below.

Yours in solidarity,
Heydi



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Stories from the field

An Education In Human Rights in Kenya



Today there are 16 million girls around the world who will never start school. For both girls and boys globally, there are 124 million children and young adults who are not in school. Unfortunately, universal access to primary education is still an aspiration, and many children will not gain this advantage, which is crucial for breaking out of the cycle of poverty. Children who go to school have broader future employment opportunities, higher income levels, and maternal and child health are improved. Education creates a win-win situation.

The Ndeini Primary School is located in Kibwezi a town in Makueni County in Kenya that suffers from severe drought as rain only comes once a year. The school provides access

to education to some of the poorest children in the area, many of whom are orphans. The Edmund Rice Advocacy Network (ERAN) has been instrumental in ensuring students receive a nutritious meal every day in school by mobilising parents of students to contribute maize and beans, and fulfilling shortfalls of supplies for students whose families cannot afford the extra expense. [Read now.](#)

Workshop On Financial Management In Ghana



A financial management workshop was organised for some of the Sisters of St. Louis in Ghana, with two sisters from Nigeria, Josephine Apiagyei SSL from the CLT, and Ronan White, our Mission Development Coordinator, also joining in, to give it an international flavour. It took place at the Divine Word Conference center in Nsawam, in the Eastern part of Ghana, from June 5-10.

Gail, the facilitator and leader from Mango (Management Accounting for Non-Governmental Organisations), the UK-based NGO that specialises in financial training for other NGOs, made it easy for us to understand what financial management is all about. She made us aware that financial management is necessary for all; everybody needs financial management in his or her field of work to help manage the work place. She took us through all aspects of financial management including accounting records, financial monitoring and internal control. She made the workshop very practical, participatory and easy to understand, using different approaches. [Read now.](#)

Columban Fr. Shay Cullen Announced As This Year's Recipient Of The Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award



Earlier this month, it was announced that the 2016 Hugh O'Flaherty International Humanitarian Award will be awarded to Fr. Shay Cullen, a Dublin born Columban Missionary in the Philippines. The award will be presented to Fr. Shay by Cllr Brendan Cronin, Mayor of Killarney Municipal Authority on Saturday evening November 5th at an Award Ceremony in the Killarney Avenue Hotel. [Read now.](#)

Upcoming Events & Training Courses Register Now – MDO Induction Course This October

Misean Cara will be facilitating an Induction for Mission Development Officers (MDOs) in October 2016. This course is one of the capacity development support services that Misean Cara provides, and it will be co-hosted by the Kimmage Development Studies Centre.

The aim of the Induction Course is to support new MDOs to provide information about Misean Cara and the support we offer, and to give an introduction to project cycle management and managing results.

The course is also open to MDOs who would like a refresher on the above subjects.

Course dates:

Monday 3rd October – Friday 7th October 2016

Day and time	Location	Course topics covered
Day 1 03/10/2016 10am-4.30pm	Misean Cara offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and overview of Misean Cara• Mission Development Officer role• Misean Cara funding schemes• Misean Cara funding policies• Child Safeguarding
Day 2 04/10/2016 9.30-5pm	Kimmage Development Studies Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro to project cycle management• Context, stakeholder and needs analyses and baselines• Defining needs, exploring problems and root causes
Day 3 05/10/2016 9.30-5pm	Kimmage Development Studies Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Problem tree analysis• Defining and setting objectives, objective tree analysis and the simple results chain
Day 4 06/10/2016 9.30-3:30pm	Kimmage Development Studies Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critical assumptions• Monitoring and evaluation, importance of baseline info• Formulating indicators, setting targets, means of verification
Day 5 07/10/2016 10am-4.30pm	Misean Cara offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Misean Cara capacity development support• Online application system• Learning, evaluations and research• Finance and Audit• Monitoring and evaluation

Registration for the October course is now open! There are a limited number of places, these will be given out on a first come first served basis. To register please email cbewan@miseancara.ie to request a registration form.

Register Now – MDO Training For Mission Links

We are pleased to announce that we have scheduled six sessions to train MDOs on our new IT system, Mission Links, this October. As you may know, we are moving ahead of our schedule to enable you to report on funding received in 2015 in Mission Links by mid-October, and to ensure a seamless transition we encourage you to register for one of our training sessions. Each of the six sessions is hands on and practical in nature, and will take place in the Carmichael Centre computer training lab.

The training details are as follows:

- **Training topic:** Navigating the new IT system, Mission Links, and completing project reports
- **Venue:** IT training lab, Carmichael Centre, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7.

- **Duration:** half day
- **Parking:** Please note there is no parking in the Carmichael Centre. On street parking is available nearby.

Please choose one of the following six sessions:

1. 9:30am-1pm on Tuesday 18th October
2. 1:30pm-5pm on Tuesday 18th October
3. 9:30am-1pm on Wednesday 19th October
4. 1:30pm-5pm on Wednesday 19th October
5. 9:30am-1pm on Thursday 20th October
6. 1:30pm-5pm on Thursday 20th October

A light lunch will be served each day from 1:00pm-1:30pm so please do stay on for lunch if you choose a morning session, or come early for lunch if you choose an afternoon session.

To register please email cbevan@miseancara.ie and indicate your 1st and 2nd session preferences including the session date and time that you would prefer. While every effort will be made to facilitate your 1st preference, places will be allocated on a “first come first served basis.”

Register Now -- Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from Four Interventions

We are pleased to invite you to a panel discussion with Misean Cara members, and experts from the development sector on '**Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from 4 Interventions.**' The event will take place on Tuesday 22 November 2016 from 9.30am - 1.00pm with registration opening at 9.00am in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The event will be followed by a light lunch, and a chance to network with other attendees. Please email info@miseancara.ie to register by Friday 18 November 2016.

Save The Date: Members' Meeting

The last Members' Meeting of 2016 will take place on Tuesday, 22 November from 2.00PM - 4.30PM in the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. The meeting will take place immediately after the 'Building Sustainable Resilience through Humanitarian Response: Lessons from 4 Interventions' event. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact your Mission Development Officer.

MA in International Development at Kimmage Development Studies Centre

Kimmage Development Studies Centre is very pleased to announce that its long-running MA in Development Studies has been accredited by Maynooth University, beginning in September 2016. As a result of this new partnership the name of the programme is now MA in International Development. The content of the MA remains the same and the programme will still be taught at and delivered by the Kimmage Development Studies Centre, Kimmage Manor, Dublin 12. To find out more about the course content please click this link <http://kimmagedsc.ie/full-time-study/ma/> Applications for the 2016/17 academic year are currently being accepted, contact: applications@kimmagedsc.ie

Other Events & Training Courses:

- [Kimmage Development Studies Centre](#)
- [Child Safeguarding - Organisational Self Audit Tool \(Free\)](#)
- [The International NGO Training and Research Centre \(INTRAC\)](#)