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Welcome to the January Issue!



Bead and necklace creation classes are part of vocational training at the Ruben Centre. The Ruben Centre works for a just and empowered Mukuru Slum Community. Managed by Edmund Rice Development, the centre provides access to education, skills training, maternal and child health, and economic empowerment for residents of the Mukuru kwa Ruben slum.

This photo is one of many part of the current 'The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya' exhibition in the Finglas Dublin City Library. Photo: Lar Boland.

Watch a video message from our CEO



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Yours in solidarity,
Heydi



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Other Funding Opportunities

In the spirit of accompaniment, we are pleased to present several funding opportunities from other donors around the world for a variety of projects. This month's funding opportunities include:

- Enterprise Development Pilot Project In South Africa;
- Ebola Sector Budget Support: Fight Back Program In Liberia;
- Development Innovation Ventures;
- Oak Foundation;
- Anne Frank Fonds: Seeking Projects to Build Peace around the World;
- Environmental Research and Education Foundation;
- The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation;
- Humanitarian Innovation Fund: Innovation to Help People in Crises;
- Mental Health Initiative Grants of the Open Society Foundations;
- Echoing Green;
- Request for Proposals - project against gender-based violence in South Asia;
- Right Livelihood Award;
- UN Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery; and
- Open Society Fellowship.

[Click here to find out more about each opportunity.](#)



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We want to help showcase the wonderful work you do by sharing stories; updates; photos; and videos of on our website, Facebook and LinkedIn Pages, Twitter account, and in our monthly e-newsletter MissionAid.

If you have a story, update, photo, or video to share then please email our Communications Officer Tara Finglas tfinglas@miseancara.ie

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Stories of Change

Life After Ebola



Survivors experienced 2016 as a year of recovery and thanksgiving in Liberia. We escorted Ebola from our territory and assessed the impact on lives, young and old. We took stock of our economic devastation. The real testimony, however, must go to the resilience of the human spirit that finds a space in their heart to give thanks and look forward to tomorrow!!

We, the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary (MSHR), began our response to life after Ebola with a project that reached out to schools in all the devastated villages. There, through a creative response we worked with children through short stories,

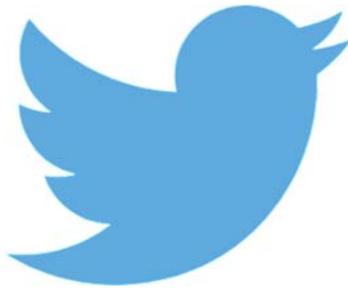
drawing, singing and role play on the pain of what they had experienced. The response of the children and staff was overwhelming. The Bill on Child Protection was also part of the project with the staff, Parent Teacher Association and the children. We were warmly welcomed into the schools by the Ministry of Education and the school principals. [Read now.](#)

Listening To Children



Arising from our respect for the dignity of the human person, we want to share the work of our members who promote the safeguarding of children.

Children in the context of a refugee camp, an urban setting, or any other location around the world fall into a category of individuals who are extremely vulnerable. Simply looking at their status in the world will identify that. They are unable to make decisions on their own, and have to depend on others in order to survive. All individuals need psycho-social support for their well-being. Some children might need additional psycho-social care to improve their quality of life if they have experienced trauma, have lived through a disaster, or are not receiving adequate support from a caregiver. [Read now.](#)



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Rag Pickers in Indore Get Identity Cards



Being recognised as a person by the state is an important part of establishing dignity and allowing people access to services.

After a long struggle, 250 Rag Pickers in Indore in India were issued with identity Cards. With the help of the Jan Vikas Society, they were presented to them on 12th December 2016 by Honourable Mayor Ms. Malini Gaur in the Regional Park, Pipliyapala, Indore in India. Other notable guests at the occasion were the Commissioner Sanjay Dubey, officials from Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC), NGOs and Rag Pickers from different slums. The Identity Card is co-signed by Chief Medical Officer and Director of Janvikas Society.

The identity cards were mandated by Solid Waste Management Rules in 2016, and

Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan guidelines. The Commissioner of the city, Sanjay Dubey has made assurances that all waste-pickers will be enumerated and given identity cards soon. [Read now.](#)

Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop Takes Place in Ghana



Promoting excellence in our work involves reflection.

A Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop was organised for the Ghanaian and Nigerian Sisters of St Louis from November 7-11 at Brafoyaw, Capecoast, Ghana. Five Sisters from Ghana, 10 from Nigeria, Patricia Ojo SSL from the CLT, and Ronan White, the Mission Development Coordinator, participated in the workshop.

We arrived at Brafoyaw on the evening of Sunday, November 6, and the workshop began the next day, where we were welcomed by Sr. Patricia Ojo. We introduced ourselves using symbols like a stone, candle, puzzle, flower, etc. [Read now.](#)

Photo Exhibition Continues Until August 2017 — The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya



Pictured in this photo: Medical Laboratory Science students from Colaiste Dhulaigh Coolock Carla Tejada from Barcelona and Leyla Oztas from Dublin at the exhibition. Photo: Lar Boland.

There is a very special Misean Cara photographic exhibition that is taking place right now in the Dolphins Barn Library in Dublin entitled: 'The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya.' This exhibition highlights Edmund Rice Development (the Christian Brothers) overseas mission that empowers communities in some of the poorest countries. Check-out the exhibition and journey to two projects in Kenya that are responding to a range of development challenges. The exhibition will help you explore what it is like to live in a slum where access to education, skills training, income generation and youth empowerment is helping to transform lives.

The exhibition is free and open to the public, and will continue in the following libraries:

- Dolphins Barn Library, 1 - 28 February 2017;
- Inchicore Library, 1 - 31 March 2017;
- Tallaght Library, 19 June - 14 July 2017; and
- Central Library in the Ilac Centre, 1 - 31 August 2017.

[Read now.](#)

Listen Now -- Back From The Brink



One year after the Ebola crisis devastated Sierra Leone and Liberia, documentary maker Brian Kenny takes stock of the aftermath. The deadly virus that impacted so heavily in West Africa was only the beginning for many of the communities. Travel with Brian to Sierra Leone and Liberia to find how missionaries fought Ebola. [Listen now.](#)

Other News Stories

[16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children](#)

[Volunteer Gena Heraty Receives Leinster House Human Dignity Award](#)

[Speech by President Michael D. Higgins 'Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad'](#)

[Sr. Mary Sweeney SJC receives a Presidential Distinguished Service Award](#)

[Remembering The El Mozote Massacre](#)

[Children First](#)

[Photo Exhibition -- The Ruben Centre, Mukuru Slum Kenya](#)

Upcoming Events & Training Courses

Save The Date: First Members' Meeting of 2017

The first Members' Meeting of 2017 will take place on Tuesday, 7 March from 9.00AM - 4.30PM in the Marino Institute of Education, Griffith Avenue, Dublin 9. The meeting will focus on a number of key organisational updates. If you are interested in attending this meeting please contact your Mission Development Officer.

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- [MA in International Development By Flexible & Distance Learning](#)
 - [Kimmage Development Studies Centre Evening Courses](#)
 - [2017 KODE Course Schedule Announcement](#)
 - [Child Safeguarding - Organisational Self Audit Tool \(Free\)](#)
 - [The International NGO Training and Research Centre \(INTRAC\)](#)

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