



ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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Welcome to the 2021 Annual Report of Misean Cara. We are a vibrant missionary membership organisation working at the forefront of long-term development and humanitarian work in the Global South.

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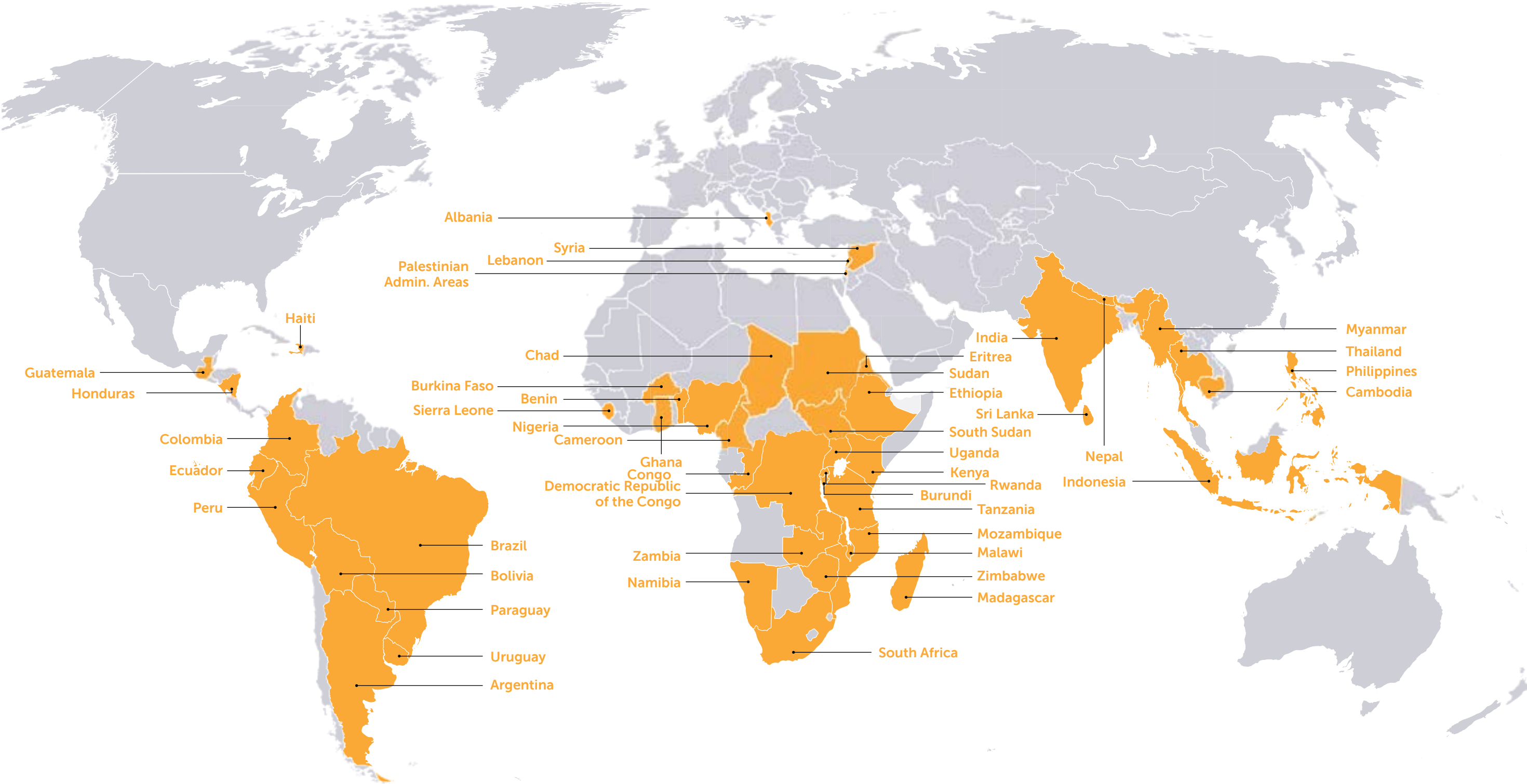
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In South Sudan, many people depend on food aid to fill in the gap between what they can produce and what they can buy. However, food aid was not enough to prevent hunger amongst Frado Ayor Athuk's family of 10 in the village of Makur Agar. To help families like Frado's, Misean Cara supports a project of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), which empowers women in agriculture to become self-sufficient in farming, ensuring that they have a sustainable income and food in the future.

"Joining the project has empowered me," says Frado, who after participating in the project is now the primary provider for her whole family. "Before the project, some days I could only collect leaves from the forest to make sure I had at least one meal a day. Now I harvest my vegetables twice a week, sell the extra, and use the profits to buy other necessities, including medicine for emergencies. In addition to growing vegetables, I have planted sorghum, maize and ground nuts to harvest and keep seeds for the next planting season."

Photo:
Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

In 2021, our members worked in more than 50 countries around the world.



Misean Cara: 2021 at a Glance

In 2021, we supported **361 projects** in **51 countries** reaching almost **1.9 million people**. These projects were worth **€14.4m** and were implemented by 50 Misean Cara members.

Education

€5,137,485
allocated

111
projects

38 members
35 countries

259,690
people

Health, Clean Water and Sanitation

€2,968,169
allocated

74
projects

32 members
22 countries

1,120,725
people

Sustainable Livelihoods

€2,631,307
allocated

69
projects

30 members
15 countries

105,702
people

Human Rights

€2,653,144
allocated

44
projects

23 members
26 countries

311,412
people

Humanitarian Response

€506,556
allocated

37
projects

17 members
15 countries

97,655
people

Innovation Fund (Out of the above)

€390,604
allocated

27
projects

18 members
14 countries

36,193
people

Member Capacity Development

€529,421
allocated

26
projects

21 members
15 countries

Measuring the Impact of Missionaries

Misean Cara Goals and Results Indicators

GOAL 1

Uphold the right to quality education

1A.

Improved education

1B.

Education system strengthening

GOAL 2

Uphold the right to better health, clean water and sanitation

2A.

Heathy lives

2B.

Health system strengthening

GOAL 3

Uphold the right to sustainable livelihoods

3A.

Livelihood opportunities

3A.

Green and climate-resilient practices and policies

GOAL 4

Uphold and advocate for human rights

4A.

Improved awareness of a right or entitlement

4B.

Changes in law, policy and/or implementation

GOAL 5

Enhance and promote the missionary approach to development

5A.

Member personnel trained

5A.

Strategies, systems, policies, structures, tools

Two additional indicators are calculated by Misean Cara based on Mentorship and M&E data.

5C.

Accompaniment and mentorship

5D.

Project effectiveness

For hundreds of years, Irish missionaries have gone far afield to live out a faith-driven call to serve the poor. They live lives of humble service, residing and working for decades alongside the poorest and most excluded people in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

Their work starts from a place of respect for the dignity of all people and the conviction that no matter where they are starting from, every individual can build a stronger more self-sufficient life through better health, quality education, training for a sustainable livelihood, and the promotion of their human rights.

Every year, Irish and international missionaries are still drawing on their diverse expertise and convictions to help transform the lives of millions of people around the world. Members report to us using our Standardised Results Framework, and we are able to use their information to summarise the impact our members' projects achieve across the world.

For instance, we can report on the numbers of mothers and infants who receive quality medical care as a result of Misean Cara-funded projects, and the number of people who can now put food on the table thanks to the income from jobs they were trained for.

Our Standardised Results Framework, illustrated to the left, encompasses 12 distinct indicators that measure results across the five key goal areas we fund, all of which contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

You can read a summary of the specific impact reported in 2021 on the next page.

Our Impact in 2021

Due to the rhythm of funding and reporting cycles, it takes time to gather results information from our members' projects around the world.

On this page, you'll find a summary of the results reported by our members in 2021, using funding that was allocated in 2020 through two of our funding schemes. The figures provide a snapshot of the overall achievements using funding allocated in 2020.

Education

60,850

people were able to access improved education

< 3%

drop-out rate in education projects run by Misesan Cara members

552

contributions to the strengthening of educational systems at local, regional or national levels, including in-service teacher training, infrastructural developments, and contributing to national level research

Health, Clean Water and Sanitation

946,642

people availed of quality health services

889

contributions to health system strengthening, such as training for health personnel

474

people completed pre-service training, all entering employment with national health services

Sustainable Livelihoods

187,950

people in over 30,000 households saw improved livelihoods

Over 120,000

people achieved greater food and nutrition security

1,409

contributions were made to promote green, low-emission and climate resilient practices and policies, such as introducing crop varieties that are resilient in heat and drought

Human Rights

Over 370,000

individuals learned about their human rights and specific entitlements. With the knowledge gained, over 5,500 initiatives were carried out to claim legal entitlements

Over 55,000

people successfully accessed justice and legal support, with over 3,900 victims of severe human rights violations accessing shelter and psychosocial support.

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changes in policies and laws contributed by project teams, contributing to improved access to social services and entitlements such as legal documentation, and leading to changes in duty bearers' knowledge of their obligations.

Member Capacity Development

2,083

individuals from 36 member organisations benefited from capacity development support

230

new systems and strategies were put in place by members to strengthen monitoring & evaluation programmes

Foreword by the Chairperson

In his 2012 book 'Inside Irish Aid', former Director General of Irish Aid Ronan Murphy spoke about the Irish impulse to serve overseas, saying that 'the first place to look for the reasons behind this extraordinary level of caring for the poorest has to be Ireland's missionaries. Their numbers have fallen but their influence is still felt everywhere'. That has certainly been my experience also.

In 2021, I was invited to take on the role of Board Chairperson. Having been inspired by the work of Irish missionaries throughout my career in overseas development, and already serving on the Board since 2019, this is a challenge and responsibility that I willingly accepted. Missionaries continue to put into practice a commitment to the poor, defined by their faith. They devote their lives to living and working among marginalised communities in some of the most challenging environments in the world, helping to improve peoples' lives in practical ways and reminding us, through their example, of our responsibilities to those who are less fortunate. They have been, and continue to be, great ambassadors for Ireland.

Conditions for those in international development work continued to be challenging in 2021, certainly no less so for missionaries. In 2021, our members began a year still very much impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has been exacerbated by hunger, loss of income, and children out of school. All of these will have knock-on effects on the lives of the vulnerable for years to come. 2021 also saw a heightened level of natural disasters and climate change-related weather events that further threaten food security and household safety for millions of poor people across the Global South. Yet, despite these obstacles, Misesan Cara's members helped to improve the lives of almost 1.9 million people, adapting to changing needs by drawing on decades of knowledge about the communities they work with. We continue to be inspired by their example.

In 2021, we saw valuable data emerge from Misesan Cara's Standardised Results Framework (see pages 2 and 3), showing the concrete impact of the collective efforts of

our members. For example, funding to education projects in 2021 resulted in almost 61,000 people gaining access to quality, life-transforming education, with a drop-out rate of less than 3%. During a year in which COVID-19 continued to be a dominant public health issue, our Results Framework shows that almost 950,000 people saw improved health outcomes as a result of our members' projects. These are impressive results, enabling us to demonstrate the impact of the unique missionary approach to development.

Over the course of 2021, the Board worked closely with CEO John Moffett on the development of the next Misesan Cara strategic plan, for the years 2022 – 2026, with input from members, staff, Irish Aid and other donors. We recognise that there will be challenges in this period. The numbers of Irish missionaries working overseas continue to decline. However, we also see a growing number of very capable non-Irish missionaries taking over. On another front, we need to diversify further our income streams and reduce our reliance on Irish Aid. To that end, we are delighted to report that a new member contribution scheme was agreed with our members in 2021 with early indications that it has been a success. As you will see in this report, our fundraising efforts are also focusing on new relationships with foundations, trusts and corporate funders.

The past year has been one of broad transition on the Board as we said farewell not only to former Chair Justin Kilcullen, but also to four other members who stepped down after years of dedicated service to Misesan Cara: Fr. Brendan Carr (Board Vice-Chair), Sr. Liz Fletcher, Fr. David Kenneally and Colin Wrafter. We extend our sincere gratitude to those who have given service over many years, and likewise we welcome those who joined the board in 2021.

Misesan Cara's impact through the work of Irish missionaries would not be possible without the generous support of Irish Aid and our other donors, the dedicated staff in Misesan Cara and the members who deliver on the ground. We owe you all a debt of gratitude.



A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kevin Carroll".

Kevin Carroll
Chairperson

Overview by the CEO

Welcome to the Misesan Cara 2021 Annual Report. 2021 was another successful year for our members, working in solidarity with the poor to help them achieve a better quality of life.

Despite the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the growing spectre of climate change, in the past year our members were able to implement 361 projects in 51 countries, transforming the lives of almost 1.9 million people through projects in health, education, livelihoods, human rights and humanitarian response. We were pleased to support projects with total funding of €14,426,082.

Here in Ireland, 2021 began in a state of Level 5 lockdown restrictions as we awaited the roll-out of the national vaccine programme. We spent much of the year perfecting our ability to collaborate remotely as a staff team. We continued with our highly effective distance project monitoring system through which we provided accompaniment and oversight to 51 projects in 35 countries. In 2021 we commissioned three external evaluations that used a hybrid approach of remote data collection and site visits by local consultants. Thankfully, we concluded the year with face-to-face work resuming and the likelihood of in-person project visits and collaboration returning in 2022.

This past year we also said goodbye to our Board Chair Justin Kilcullen, thanking him for his years of dedication to the Board and as Chair, and welcoming Kevin Carroll whose breadth of experience in international development will bring new insights for strengthening our Board and organisational capacity.

I marked my second full year with Misesan Cara in 2021 and was also honoured to be appointed as a Board member of Dóchas, the membership organisation for Irish NGOs, where I look forward to contributing to the development of our sector but also applying insights and best practice shared by my cohorts there. In November, along with Learning & Development Manager Seamus Collins, I travelled to Rome to meet with Misesan Cara stakeholders and discuss funding diversification, human rights collaborations, and to share an overview of our members' work with the Irish Ambassador to the Holy See.

Along with providing critical project funding and organisational support to our members, Misesan Cara was also active in supporting advocacy efforts on behalf of our sector, including participation in joint advocacy initiatives around #VaccineEquity and the #NowMoreThanEver campaign of Dóchas members to call out the increasing necessity of continued growth in the Irish government's funding contribution to overseas development. We were also pleased to contribute funding support to an international policy report by the Jesuit Refugee Service Ireland entitled 'Protection with Dignity', a comprehensive and timely assessment of rising forced displacement with recommendations to address this crisis humanely. Our Innovation Fund, in its third year, focused on helping members implement girls' education and climate action projects, using approaches successfully employed by other members in the Misesan Cara network. This fund, and the guidance that members receive as part of the support, is already highly regarded by members and staff alike as an important tool in enhancing the delivery of high-quality development projects.

The courage and compassion of our members inspire us daily. Late in the year we were delighted to see four Misesan Cara missionaries honoured with Presidential Distinguished Service Awards, presented by President Michael D. Higgins in recognition of exemplary service by Irish citizens abroad (two for awards received in 2020 but delayed in delivery due to the pandemic). Congratulations to them all for their achievement in the areas of human rights, policy and advocacy, and education. You can read more about their awards on page 22.

Lastly, I wish to thank Irish Aid, the GHR Foundation, the Raskob Foundation, the Brigidine Sisters, Ornua and all of our other supporters, funders and stakeholders who helped us fulfil our mission in the past year. Your belief in and support of the work of missionaries is what enables us to help realise their inspiring, courageous and hugely effective work.



John Moffett
CEO

Misean Cara: About Us

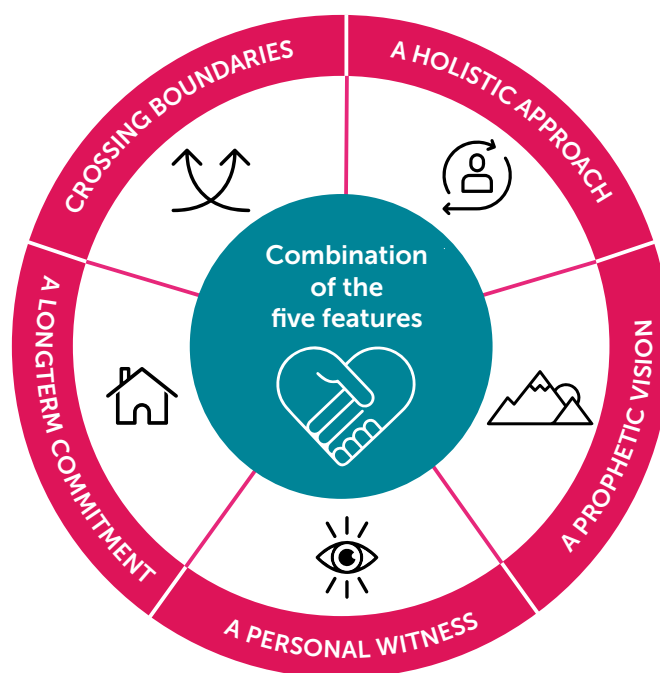
Misean Cara was founded in 2004 with the purpose of supporting Irish missionaries in their work to eradicate poverty across the developing world, through projects delivering healthcare, quality education, livelihood training, human rights, and emergency/humanitarian response to those most in need of support.

We are a membership organisation of 88 Irish missionary organisations working in more than 50 countries across the Global South. We support our members with funding for projects that promote the dignity and wellbeing of those furthest behind. We also provide non-financial support to our members by creating project collaborations, shared learning, consultation, capacity development and mentorship, while also providing comprehensive monitoring, evaluation and research. Together we believe in reaching the most vulnerable and furthest behind.

What Makes the Missionary Approach to Development Unique?

In a world of constant crisis, there are thousands of international development organisations working to achieve meaningful and lasting change, addressing an infinite humanitarian need. However, at the root of missionary development work is a unique model for meeting the challenges facing poor and vulnerable communities around the world. The Missionary Approach to Development Interventions (MADI), as we call it, is a powerful and long-standing model with five essential pillars:

- 1. Crossing Boundaries:** A willingness to move across boundaries of politics, culture, language and faith
- 2. A Long-Term Commitment:** The centuries-old missionary tradition of living and working long-term in the same communities they serve, building relationships of respect, trust and mutual understanding
- 3. A Personal Witness:** A deeply personal, faith-based approach expressed through work, a simple lifestyle and solidarity with the poor
- 4. A Prophetic Vision:** A vision of a better, more equitable world for all people
- 5. A Holistic Approach:** One that treats people as dignified human beings not simply recipients of aid



When taken in combination, the five MADI pillars describe a way of approaching development work that is unique to missionaries. Other development agencies, including faith-based organisations, may also exhibit one or more of these characteristics, but put in practice all together by missionaries, the five MADI pillars combine to enable highly effective development work targeted to reach the furthest behind first.



When Lennis Aweno (seen here, left, with one of her teachers) joined the Early Years Education (EYE) project of the Kisumu Apostolate Programmes (KUAP) in 2019, her teachers observed that the three-year-old was withdrawn and quiet, and would rarely play or interact with her classmates. She was further limited by her inability to concentrate for even short periods of time, and quickly fell behind her classmates in academic and social development.

Through the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph KUAP education project, which works with vulnerable children and those with disabilities in the informal settlements of Kisumu, Kenya, Lennis was assessed with both speech and hearing impairments.

Her teachers developed an individualised learning plan to help Lennis and by June of 2021, when she was six years old, she had largely overcome her challenges and was even catching up to her peers academically. Her speech and hearing had both improved through therapy, and she had developed into an enthusiastic participant in all school activities. Plans were in place for Lennis to transition into mainstream primary education during 2022.

Photo:

Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph

**Total
Education
Spending**
€5,137,485

Education



€1,196,993

PRIMARY EDUCATION



€1,353,618

**NON-FORMAL/
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION**



€970,023

**TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



€1,170,956

SECONDARY EDUCATION



€445,895

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE
AND EDUCATION**

In 2021, Misesan Cara supported 111 education projects implemented by 38 members in 35 countries, targeting 259,690 people.

Education is a basic human right, highlighted by the UN as the 4th of its Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. A quality education is also recognised throughout the international development sector as being essential to overcoming a life of poverty and disadvantage, especially for girls and women.

Without a doubt, the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was central to our members' response in their education projects in 2021. The UN now reports that the COVID-19 pandemic has wiped out 20 years of education gains. An additional 101 million students in Grades 1 to 8 (9% of children globally) have fallen below the minimum reading proficiency levels seen in 2020.

Undeterred, our members forged on in 2021 with projects that continue to see results for pupils of all ages, from preschool to university.

A mere 3% of students attending schools or educational projects run by our members dropped out. Our members also created 3,812 new places for students by building new classrooms or schools. More than 7,160 students were reintegrated into education, especially important due to the high numbers of students who failed to return after COVID-19 restrictions on classrooms were lifted.

Innovation in Education

Girls from poor families are less likely than boys to complete their education and extended school closures along with impacts on household income caused by COVID lockdowns have further reduced this likelihood. In 2021, in addition to our education funding scheme, we supported 13 members with innovation funding of €185,900 to trial new approaches that would enable families to support girls to remain in school longer.

Those members will share their experience once the trials are complete, with a view to scaling up successful approaches.

IMPACT*

60,850

individuals gained access to quality education

<3%

drop out rate for Misesan Cara funded education projects

552

contributions to strengthening education systems

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by members in 2021 using funding allocated in 2020. Learn more about how we summarise the impact of our members on page 3.*

Helping Girls and Children with Disabilities Complete their Education

■ **Misean Cara member:**

St Patrick's Missionary Society

■ **Local Partner:**

Diocese of Mzuzu Education Commission (DOMECE)

■ **Country:**

Malawi

All children in Malawi have the right to attend school but the reality is that girls and children with disabilities still face many barriers to accessing school or completing their education. Poor families are likely to favour boys over girls if they can't afford to send all their children to school and 30% of girls drop out of school each year because of period poverty, early marriage and pregnancy. Schools are often ill equipped to cater for children with disabilities and transport to and from school is a major obstacle to attendance.

That's why missionaries from Saint Patrick's Missionary Society have partnered with the Diocese of Mzuzu Education Commission (DOMECE) on the School Access and Governance Improvement (SAGI) project in 43 schools in Mzuzu diocese. The project is taking practical steps to remove barriers to education for girls and disabled children and working through parent teacher associations and community groups to reach out to excluded children and their families to encourage them back to the classroom. Some of the practical steps they have taken include constructing changing and washrooms to make it easier for girls to remain in school while menstruating.

Since it began, the project has successfully helped 350 girl dropouts to return to school, girls like Loveness Gwonde. Loveness had a difficult childhood. Both her parents died when she was very young and Loveness was raised by an older sister and her husband. Due to poverty, Loveness entered a polygamous marriage at age 14 and soon after gave birth to a baby girl. Both Loveness and her daughter became ill following the birth which broke up the marriage and Loveness moved again to live with her uncle and aunt.

The SAGI project worked with the family to help Loveness return to school. It's not been easy given the time she has missed and her responsibilities as a mother but Loveness has been given an opportunity that she did not expect. She is determined to improve her grades, secure an independent life for herself and give her daughter a better start in life. She even dreams of attending university.



Loveness Gwonde, a student at the St. Peter's Primary School in Mzuzu, pictured by herself and with her family.

Photos:
Saint Patrick's Missionary Society





In South Sudan, the world's youngest nation, children face a number of barriers to receiving a quality education, one of the main reasons being the lack of qualified teachers. The Solidarity Teacher Training College (STTC) in Yambio, operated by Solidarity with South Sudan in partnership with the Faithful Companions of Jesus, provides training to ensure a steady supply of highly qualified teachers for the country.

Courses at STTC prepare student teachers to be effective, highly motivated, and enthusiastic educators through a two-year programme that culminates in a set of comprehensive exams and a nationally recognised Certificate in Primary Teaching. Graduates then have two month-long teacher training posts in one of the many primary schools around Yambio.

To date, over 300 primary school teachers have graduated from STTC and over 70% are employed as educators; many of them have returned to serve in their home communities. STTC is now recognised in South Sudan as a leading provider of primary teacher training.

Photo:
Nyokabi Kahura



**Total
Health
Spending
€2,968,169**

Health



€1,571,571
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



€639,803
NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES



€495,019
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



€261,776
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

In 2021, 32 of our members conducted 74 Health projects targeting 1,120,725 people in 15 countries.

For millions worldwide, access to basic health services and facilities is not a guarantee. Missionaries work to ensure that clean water, good nutrition, and access to medical and health care are accessible to those most in need of the life-transforming benefits of good health. In 2021 our members continued to see success in delivering basic health interventions despite the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic .

Wherever they worked and whatever form of health intervention was provided, from constructing solar-powered water pumps and boreholes in South Sudan to improving access to mother and baby care in Kenya, projects implemented by Misesan Cara members in 2021 will continue to have a profound and long-lasting impact on the lives of millions of poor and marginalised people. Our members, situated as they are in the very communities they serve, are also planning for future needs, by working to align health care systems in remote areas with the national health strategies and standards they operate under. Other projects are training nurses and midwives to accommodate growing populations, establishing systems to improve patient record keeping in community hospitals, or purchasing ambulances to bring critically ill patients or birthing mothers to health centres for care.

COVID-19 –Update on Year 2 of the Global Health Emergency

In its second year, the COVID-19 pandemic caused further setbacks to the global health advances of the past 20 years, particularly around infectious disease control and maternal and infant health. The pandemic is also continuing to challenge vulnerable health systems including hospitals and clinics already over-stretched, under-supplied and in need of upgrades, which were pushed further to the limit of their capacities. We continued to support our members' efforts to curb the spread of the virus in their communities, treat the sick, and offset the impact of secondary pandemic effects including hunger, domestic violence and loss of income.

We were able to distribute additional financial support to our members' COVID-related initiatives due to a generous contribution from the US-based GHR Foundation, which provided co-funding for eight COVID-19 projects around the world. We received an additional commitment from Americares for funding to help train frontline health workers in Southern Africa in 2022.

IMPACT*

946,642

individuals availed of improved health outcomes

889

individuals gained access to quality education

474

individuals completed pre-employment training in healthcare fields

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Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre: Improving access to healthcare in South Sudan

■ Misean Cara member:

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto)

■ Country:

South Sudan



Along with general community health consultations and treatments, the holistic care offering of the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre in Rumbek, South Sudan offers well-being services such as mental health counselling, a support programme for mothers of twins, a mobile clinic to reach remote villages, and a supplemental nutrition programme for children.

Photos:

Paul Jeffrey

Access to healthcare in South Sudan is severely limited, with only 1 doctor for every 65,000 people, and in rural areas, health facilities barely exist. Decades of conflict have created a mental health crisis with an estimated 1.2 million people with mental illness left untreated.

The Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto) have been running Primary and Secondary schools since 2008 in the rural Maker Kuei community and set up a classroom clinic to address some of the community's urgent medical needs. Overwhelming demand led to the opening of the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre in 2019 to provide full medical services including mental healthcare, counselling, immunisations, and mother and child clinics.

In 2021 the Centre held over 36,000 patient consultations and more than 3,000 children received vital childhood vaccinations. Through a childhood nutrition programme, over 200 children under five were treated for malnutrition, successfully leaving the programme after three months having shown great improvement in their health. A mobile clinic enabled remote access to medical treatment for 24,000 patients in 7 remote villages.

Thanks to the Centre, children and adults affected by trauma after decades of war and conflict are now receiving counselling and learning how to cope with stress, depression, chronic fear, death, and grief.



The Primary Healthcare Centre in Rumbek has brought a measurable change to the community, with mothers and children, the most vulnerable in our society, well supported.

Sr. Orla Treacy, Head Administrator of the Loreto Rumbek Mission

**Total
Sustainable Livelihoods
Spending
€2,631,307**



€1,791,322

**SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE**



€594,191

**SMALL AND MEDIUM
SCALE ENTERPRISES AND
COOPERATIVES**



€165,560

**SAVINGS, LOANS
AND MICROFINANCE**



€80,234

**NATURAL RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AND
CONSERVATION**

Sustainable Livelihoods

**In 2021 Misesan Cara supported
69 livelihood projects by 30
members, targeting 105,702 people
in 15 countries.**

Few factors are more destabilising to individuals, families and communities than the inability to sustain a liveable income. The resulting poverty, food insecurity and domestic instability can have detrimental effects for generations.

For many people in developing countries in 2021, the struggle to find and maintain a decent livelihood continued to be exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and its disruptive effect on local and national economies. Additionally, the increasing intensity and impact of climate change further impacted many people's ability to maintain a stable income.

In 2021 our members continued to implement sustainable livelihoods projects aimed at making sure families have a secure future. Projects supported rural communities with training in climate smart farming techniques and water conservation; micro-finance and community lending programmes for small and medium enterprises; skills training in trade sectors for disadvantaged youth; and co-operative business management skills, especially for women.

Our members also highlighted the importance of counteracting the growing climate crisis with projects that teach people to protect the earth's resources through conservation methods and sustainable, climate-proof livelihoods.

Innovation in Livelihoods

Changing weather patterns caused by the climate crisis are having a major impact on farmers across the globe but it is in the poorest countries where agriculture is affected most.

In 2021 our Innovation Fund encouraged members to trial new approaches to adapt and cope with the impacts that the climate crisis is having on small scale farmers. 14 members were granted €204,694 in funding to trial new approaches and we hope to be able to share and scale up successful approaches in the future. The Franciscan Brothers in Baraka, Kenya explored the viability of Effective Microorganisms/Indigenous Microorganisms (EMO/IMO) technology as a climate-friendly fertiliser for crops, livestock nutrition and the control of pit latrine odour. The project carried out scientific studies using different EMO/IMOs to conclude that a managed approach with a combination of EMO/IMOs has great potential as a low-cost technology to improve household food security.

Following this, the Franciscan Brothers are scaling up the approach through a new project with a higher target population group and expanded geographic range, that will provide training on EMO/IMO technology and increase food production for many more families.

IMPACT*

187,950

individuals in over 30,000 households improved their earning potential

Over 120,000

individuals benefitted from improved food and nutrition security

1,409

contributions made to promote green, low-emissions and climate resilient practices and policies

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Sustainable Farming and Livelihoods in Zambia

■ **Misean Cara member:**

Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Chigwell)

■ **Country:**

Zambia

For 60 years, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SSHJM) have lived and worked in the Mbala District of Zambia's Northern Province, where most people depend on agriculture as their main source of livelihood. Many of the households they work with live in chronic poverty, earning barely enough income to sustain themselves.

Misean Cara supports the SSHJM Households in Distress (HID) project that aims to bolster the food security and household earnings of 400 families, by training people in farming as a business and better agricultural methods. By transitioning to climate-smart approaches such as growing heat and drought resistant crops, harvesting rainwater for irrigation and planting trees next to fields for shade, villagers are able to increase crop yields and sell the surplus for income while keeping sufficient food for nutritious family consumption.

Beauty Nanyangwe, divorced and the guardian of her two nephews, struggled to support her small family with the income from poorly paid piece work. Beauty enrolled in the Households in Distress project (SSHJM-HID), which trained her in farming as a business. She received essential farming supplies and equipment and now grows a variety of crops such as beans, soya beans, maize, ground nuts and sweet potatoes.

Recently remarried, Beauty has taken the profits from her farming activities to build a new, iron roofed house, outfitted with a solar panel to run an indoor lighting system. She has invested in two oxen and a plough to boost the productivity of her new banana orchard and also to lease to other farmers in her area for extra income. "I really thank Misean Cara and the SSHJM-HID Programme for changing my life. In the past, I could only manage to eat one meal but now, I am able to eat three meals a day. I am now able to employ some people to help me with my farming activities, enabling me to have more time to build up my off-farm business activities of selling eggs and cooking oil."



I really thank Misean Cara and the SSHJM-HID Programme for changing my life.

Beauty Nanyangwe,
from Mbala, Zambia,

Beauty Nanyangwe of Mbala, Zambia, shows off beans harvested and cleaned at her farm, where she grows crops to feed her family and sell for profit to fund her other farming and entrepreneurial activities.

Photo:

Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Chigwell)



Climate Action Awards

Recognising commitment to climate resilience

Responding to our members work in addressing the climate crisis, in 2020 we established the Misean Cara annual Climate Action Awards.

In 2021, the Climate Action Awards recognised individual projects and people that were showing leadership to help communities protect their environment, restore biodiversity and find new and innovative ways to grow food. The 2021 winners were:

Mr. Lucien Diarra of St. Louise Inclusive School,

Nouna, Burkina Faso, received an Individual Award for his forward-thinking work as the school's gardener and groundskeeper, transforming a dusty compound with little shade into a lush microclimate that produces fruit trees and crops to feed the school community. His outreach initiatives to ten nearby villages have resulted in increased tree planting and an understanding of the importance of climate care. Sr. Toyin Abegunde of the Daughters of Charity remarked "We wish to nominate Lucien Diarra for his resilience in promoting climate change and encouraging others to do so in a difficult climate zone."

Fr. Tim Galvin, Saint Patrick's Missionary Society,

also received an Individual Award for his work with the St. Mary Magdalen Parish in Riwoto, South Sudan. Fr. Tim, a Laudato Si' Animator, is working with his parish community to mitigate the effects of climate change by planting trees for shade and fruit and by setting up the St. Mary Magdalen Garden at the parish primary school, which provides food crops for the school. Every plant and tree grown stores carbon and reduces the level of greenhouse gas emissions, while the trees also help combat desertification and prevent erosion by flooding during the rainy season. Flowers are also being planted to attract bees and butterflies.

The Salesian Missions of Ireland/Don Bosco Aid

were awarded a project-based Climate Action Award for a grassroots community-based survey to gather data on how well the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Climate has been implemented. The Action Agenda was established in 2015 to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by providing a new global framework for financing sustainable development. The Salesians conducted the survey in communities in seven countries: India, Nepal, the Philippines, Mexico, Haiti, Kenya and Senegal. The research findings were later presented at the 2021 UN Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development and were used to call on UN leaders to help better protect the planet and its most vulnerable people by advocating directly to UN decision makers.



Fr. Tim Galvin with members of the St. Mary Magdalen Parish at work in the parish gardens and tree nursery in Riwoto, South Sudan.

Photo:
Saint Patrick's Missionary Society



Lucien Diarra (in brown shirt and white cap, far right) with staff at the St. Louise Inclusive School, Nouna, Burkina Faso.

Photo:
Daughters of Charity



Participants in a climate finance research initiative fill out survey forms in Kenya.

Photo:
Salesians of Don Bosco
Ireland

**Total
Human Rights
Spending
€2,653,144**



€1,499,912
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



€446,391
GOVERNANCE, CIVIL SOCIETY
AND PEACEBUILDING



€525,341
WOMEN'S RIGHTS



€137,500
LAND RIGHTS
(INCLUDING PROTECTION OF
NATURAL RESOURCES)



€44,000
HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Rights

In 2021, Misesan Cara supported **44 Human Rights projects** by **23 members** in **28 countries**, targeting **311,412 people**.

The effectiveness of international development work hinges on the status of human rights wherever that development work is being carried out. That is why Misesan Cara has as one of its five key goals the promotion of human rights, and why it funds member projects that address inequality and defend repressed communities.

In 2021, our members' human rights projects addressed the rights of migrants in Central and South America and internally displaced peoples in South Sudan. They fought for the climate rights and representation of communities bearing the brunt of climate change across the Global South. Another project championed the rights of children in Nigeria whose health is put at extreme risk by pollution from the activities of multi-national petroleum corporations.

Missionaries' prophetic vision for a just society helps to build a foundation where all other forms of development work can succeed and flourish, while their long-term commitment to a community allows them to immerse in the local political climate and become familiar with local judicial systems and power structures.



Change in human rights is slow. If you want long-term sustainable change, especially with social justice, it takes a long time. You're not just addressing immediate problems, you're talking about institutional change, cultural change, constitutional change, and legal change, all of which take a long time. You have to be patient, be consistent, be determined.

Fr. Gabriel Dolan of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, who has worked for more than 40 years as a human rights defender in Kenya.

IMPACT*

Over 370,000

individuals learned about their rights and entitlements

Over 55,000

rights holders successfully accessed justice and legal support

202

changes in policies and laws

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by members in 2021 using funding allocated in 2020. Learn more about how we summarise the impact of our members on page 3.*

A Voice for Justice: Advancing Human Rights for Girls and Women in South Africa

■ **Misean Cara member:**

Edmund Rice Development

■ **Implementing Organisation:**

The Justice Desk

■ **Countries:**

South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

At an address to his country's parliament in 2019, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa asserted that South Africa is "one of the most unsafe places in the world to be a woman or girl, with levels of violence comparable to countries that are at war."

In 2013, Jessica Dewhurst, CEO of The Justice Desk, set up the organisation to teach citizens to fight back against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) by learning how to be strong, outspoken activists campaigning for human rights and justice.

Since its founding, The Justice Desk has taken inspiration from the life and values of Br. Edmund Rice and the vision for a just and equal world that formed the basis of his mission in the early 19th century. The Justice Desk partners closely with Misean Cara member Edmund Rice Development, a development agency established in 2008 in Ireland by the Congregation of the Christian Brothers.

The Justice Desk is now an award-winning organisation providing advocacy and training to 5,000 people each year in vulnerable communities across South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. It also works alongside civil society groups, NGOs, businesses and government groups to challenge and eliminate the root causes of injustice.

"We believe that by empowering ordinary people to understand and defend their human rights, they can transform society in a sustainable way and create a more just and equal world," says Dewhurst.

Misean Cara currently funds a human rights training project by The Justice Desk that works with participants from NGOs, government agencies, and 40 schools in South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe to teach them to become change agents in their own lives and communities.

As part of this larger initiative, The Justice Desk runs the Mbokodo Club ('Rock' Club in the Xhosa language) in the predominantly black community of Nyanga that has one of the highest rates of GBV in South Africa. Through the Club, the Justice Desk empowers girls between the ages of 9 and 19 who are GBV and rape survivors.

Girls are taught emotional and personal resilience and are supported in speaking out for human rights in their communities. Self-defence courses teach them how to physically protect themselves and feel safer and more in control of their bodies.

Working long-term, the goal of the Mbokodo Club is to reach more girls across South Africa and create a network of girl activists, supporting other GBV survivors to go from "victims to victors". The involvement of parents, guardians, social workers and community leaders emphasises and promotes the powerful African concept of Ubuntu – I am because you are.

"I now know that we as women and children shouldn't be ashamed to speak up when we are being abused and that there are many people who can be your support structure and are willing to give you a shoulder to cry on. I've also learned that we can do so much as children and that we don't have to shrink ourselves so that others can feel big when around us or with us." - Participant in a Mbokodo Club GBV workshop.

"Promoting the Power of Everyday Activists" is the goal behind The Justice Desk. Their Mbokodo Club project empowers and engages young women who have survived Gender Based Violence, including Azile, who experienced a brutal assault at age six. Azile is now a leader and activist with the Mbokodo Club, supporting and inspiring other girl survivors to go from "victim to victors".

Photo:
Meghan Gieske



Humanitarian and Emergency Response

**Total
Emergencies/
Humanitarian
Response
Spending
€506,556**

**In 2021, Misesan Cara supported
37 Emergency and Humanitarian
Response projects by 17 members
in 15 countries, targeting 97,655
people.**

Humanitarian emergencies arising from natural disasters, conflict or epidemics can have a catastrophic impact on people with few or no resources. Following such events, displacement, homelessness and hunger are frequent. In 2021, 235 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance and protection throughout the world.

Over the past year, Misesan Cara members came to us for help to fund emergency and humanitarian responses to crises arising from events such as heavy storms in the Philippines, India and Kenya; a devastating earthquake in Haiti; and multiple other natural disasters. Populations forced to move due to armed conflict in South Sudan or unsettled by political instability and hostilities in Myanmar and Gaza also triggered the need for emergency assistance.

Having lived and worked in their communities for decades, missionaries have a deep knowledge of where local vulnerabilities exist and how aid can be delivered most effectively during an emergency. Missionaries also have the benefit of being trusted locally thanks to deep-rooted relationships established over many years, making it easier to work with local authorities to channel emergency aid quickly and effectively.

In addition to sudden-onset emergencies, Misesan Cara members also responded to the urgent and ongoing needs brought on since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have hit the developing world especially hard. Responses to secondary impacts of the pandemic, like hunger, school closures, lost livelihoods and increases in gender-based violence, were integrated directly into new and existing projects.



An elderly flood victim in Chennai, India receives assistance from a member of the Salesian Sisters.

Photo:
Salesian Sisters

In Chennai, India, the Salesian Sisters organised rapid relief measures for thousands of families in the city's informal settlements whose homes were damaged or destroyed during heavy monsoon rains and flooding.

Photo:
Salesian Sisters

Rapid Response to Monsoon Floods in Chennai, India

■ Misesan Cara member:

Salesian Sisters

■ Country:

India

For almost two weeks in November 2021, heavy rains and strong monsoon winds battered the northern regions of Tamil Nadu in India, with almost 23 centimetres of rain falling on one day alone.

The heavy rainfall, along with overflowing canals and reservoirs, caused severe flooding that left the city of Chennai knee-deep in swirling waters that killed at least 16 people. More than 1,000 tenement settlements suffered damage to homes and left thousands of people without power, clean water or safe shelter.

The Salesian Sisters approached us for emergency funds to help 3,000 families recover from the devastation to their homes and lives, especially targeting children, pregnant women, persons with disabilities and the elderly.

With the help of trained volunteers, the Sisters purchased and distributed essential food, water, rain gear and medical supplies. Volunteers also helped install 600 tarpaulins to homes until reconstruction could begin, and supplied more than a thousand people with emergency safety lights. Food from volunteer community kitchens provided meals and groceries to flood-affected households and nearly 3,000 families received counselling and psychosocial support for the trauma related to the monsoon.

As climate change threatens to drive more extreme weather events each year, the Sisters have also taken steps to help residents of Chennai be better prepared for future storms. Exploiting their relationships with local authorities, the Sisters organised residents into advocacy groups, helping them assert their rights to safe housing that can stand up to the impact of future climate change.



Misean Cara: Our Members in the News

Missionary work is difficult, demanding and at times dangerous. Missionaries leave behind the lives they know in the countries of their birth to live long-term in communities beset with poverty, political unrest and harsh climates.

They choose this path inspired by their faith and the belief that they are called on to devote their lives to bringing hope and a better life to those furthest behind. They expect no reward and no commendation, seeing success in terms of the lives that are lifted out of extreme poverty into self-sufficiency.

While missionaries are a characteristically humble community, the value of their important work and the unique missionary approach to development is widely recognised and respected. In 2021 our members found their way into the spotlight on numerous occasions, through awards and press coverage that brought attention to their transformative accomplishments.

Presidential Distinguished Service Awards

In December, four Irish missionaries belonging to Misean Cara members were honoured with Distinguished Service Awards conferred on them by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins. They received these awards in recognition of their significant contributions as members of the Irish diaspora. **Sr. Pat Murray of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto)** and **Fr. Kevin O'Hara of St. Patrick's Missionary Society** received their 2020 Awards (postponed due to COVID-19) along with **Sr. Orla Treacy of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto)** and **Br. Colm O'Connell of the Patrician Brothers**, who were among the 2021 recipients. Their work exemplifies the ongoing impact of missionary work around the world.

Sr. Orla Treacy, receiving a Presidential Distinguished Service Award from President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins.

Photo:
Sr. Carmel Swords



Fr. Gabriel Dolan (right) of St. Patrick's Missionary Society (SPMS) standing with Kevin Mabonge from Independent Medical Legal Unit IMLU at the launch of his book *Undaunted: Stories of Freedom in a Shackled Society* chronicling his four decades as a human rights defender and activist in Kenya.

Photo:

Saint Patrick's Missionary Society

Memoirs of a Missionary Human Rights Defender

In 2021, Fr. Gabriel Dolan of Saint Patrick's Missionary Society (Kiltegnans), published a book of stories and memoirs of more than four decades of work as a human rights defender and activist in Kenya and founder of the Haki Yetu human rights organisation in Mombasa. *Undaunted: Stories of Freedom in a Shackled Society* chronicles his time focusing on political and democratic rights as well as the right to land, housing, shelter and freedom of speech for the marginalised peoples of Kenya.



Mission Sunday Mass on RTÉ

For the sixth year in a row, Mísean Cara was pleased to be involved in the preparation of a Mass in celebration of World Mission Sunday on 24th October. The Mass, aired live on RTÉ (Ireland's state television channel), was the result of a collaboration with MISSIO Ireland (The Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission) and AMRI (The Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland).

Mission Sunday is the day set aside each year for the Catholic Church's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support in aid of the life-transforming work of overseas mission and missionaries. It is also a day to reflect on this important work and for Catholics around the world to seek inspiration from it to renew their own call to personal mission. The Mass for 2021 had as its Celebrant Fr. Brendan Carr of the Spiritans (and former Mísean Cara Board Vice-Chair). Sr. Rosemary Oduol of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa was one of the readers.



Sr. Rosemary Oduol (Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa) and Fr. Brendan Carr (Spiritans) who participated in the Mission Sunday Mass live Broadcast on RTÉ, along with members of In Caelo Choir (Newbridge, Co. Kildare), Sr. Josephine Enenmo (Our Lady of Apostles), Julieann Moran of MISSIO Ireland, and vocalist Orna Bourke.

Photo:

MISSIO Ireland and Julieann Moran

On Mindanao, the southernmost of the main islands of the Philippines, the Sisters of the Institute of Notre Dame des Missions (RNDM) have lived and worked amongst the indigenous Manobo Dulangan people for decades. Since 1987, their Delesan Kailawan Centre ("Home of the Good People"), has provided the 11,000-strong impoverished tribal community in the Kulaman Valley with holistic health and community support, including home health monitoring visits, nutritional supplements for severely malnourished children, and medical services for pregnant women and new mothers.

Improving educational opportunities and outcomes for vulnerable girls in the community is also a critical aspect of the Sisters' mission. Access to formal education is extremely limited in the mountainous regions of Mindanao, with the few schools operated by the government catering only to the early primary years. The Sisters operate a secondary school with boarding facilities that provide a way for Dulangan girls to continue and complete their studies and build a more secure future for themselves and their families. The girls board during the week, and return home to visit their families on weekends.

Photo:
Notre Dame des Missions





After the brutal, eleven-year war in neighbouring Syria, Lebanon is now home to 1.5 million Syrian refugees, accounting for almost a quarter of Lebanon's total population. Many Syrian refugee families survive with little to no income and live in overcrowded informal settlements or semi-abandoned buildings with unreliable access to water and electricity. Many carry with them emotional trauma from exposure to conflict and violence during the war.

In the areas of Rmeileh and Bourj-Hammoud outside Beirut, the Fratelli Association (a partner of Misesan Cara members the De La Salle Brothers and the Marist Brothers) operates two schools for Syrian and Iraqi refugee children, many of whom have been out of school for months and even years. Hundreds of children participate in the project every year, attending classes and preparing for entry into the local public school system.

The school brings stability and routine back into their lives, through a holistic, six-day-a-week programme that includes basic literacy and numeracy, sports, games, drawing, and psychosocial care to rebuild confidence and provide a safe space for emotional recovery.

"Fratelli takes care of me," one boy says. "It is like a mother."

Photo:
Marco Amato

Member Capacity Development

**Total
Member Capacity
Development Spending
€529,421**



€148,686

**ORGANISATIONAL
STRENGTHENING**



€219,177

**HUMAN RESOURCE SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT**



€161,558

**INSTITUTIONAL
CHANGE AND SYSTEMS
DEVELOPMENT**

In 2021, Misesan Cara funded **21 members** implementing **26 projects** in **15 countries**.

As well as mobilising and distributing funding for projects, we also support the organisational development of our members with training and skills growth for project teams. We do this by providing grants for members to undertake specific training projects.

Below we outline the impact that this support has made in strengthening systems and project cycle management, which leads to better development outcomes for the communities our members serve.

IMPACT*

2,083

individuals benefited from capacity development support

230

new systems and strategies put in place by members

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by members in 2021 using funding allocated in 2020. Learn more about how we summarise the impact of our members on page 3.*

Strengthening Project Sustainability

■ **Misean Cara member:**

Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph (FMSJ)

■ **Countries:**

Kenya and Uganda

For decades now, the Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph (FMSJ) have ministered in Kenya and Uganda, running primary and secondary educational programmes for the poorest and most vulnerable children, including those living on the streets. Still others are social workers and nurses who run mobile clinics in rural areas such as Salawa and Marigat.

Identifying an ever-growing level of need in their communities, the Sisters hoped to ensure that their education and health projects would be sustainable into the future by committing to capacity development for the organisation and staff. Key to this would be the establishment of a central Development Office with clearly stated objectives for effective governance and management.

With Member Capacity Development funding from Misean Cara, the FMSJ set up a Development Office in Nairobi that coordinates activities of nine of their twelve development projects in Kenya and Uganda. The Development Office maintains an overview of all development activities taking place in their target communities and fosters learning between the projects in various locations. The Development Office also facilitates the development of shared policies and procedures including those for financial management, human resources, administration, and safeguarding.

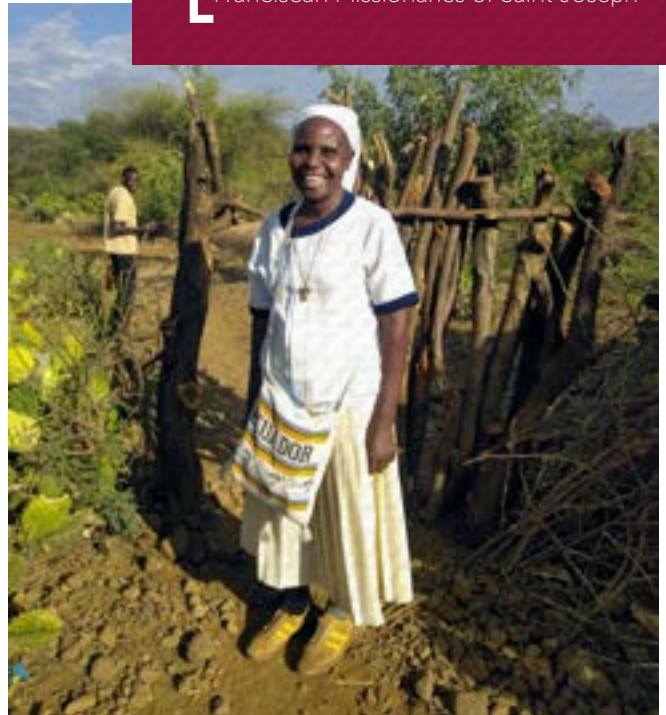
Ongoing training and mentoring for Project Coordinators in how to prepare proposals and reports, implement projects and monitor and evaluate has helped increase their capacity as well as their confidence as administrators.

The Development Office also acts as a bridge between the projects and the leadership team by informing the regional leadership on a regular basis about developments and challenges in the projects. This increased understanding helps the leadership make better informed decisions for the benefit of the projects and beneficiaries alike. Stronger, more efficiently run projects are helping the Sisters attract new fundraising opportunities, further increasing the long-term sustainability of their projects.

Sr. Mary Bitutu Monari, Project Coordinator of Marigat Catholic Mission Health Centre in Marigat, Kenya, who along with her staff has benefitted from a Misean Cara capacity development project with the Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph

Photo:

Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph



Capacity development strengthens you in whatever you do. When people are more knowledgeable, they confidently make decisions and perform better because they become focused, confident, and happier. When they are knowledgeable, they can follow procedure and resources are not wasted. That's what capacity development has done for my staff and me as an individual.

Sr. Mary Monari, FMSJ Sister/Project Coordinator Marigat Health Centre

Type of Support and Time Allocated



44%

PROJECT PLANNING AND PROPOSAL DESIGN



18%

IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT



16%

REPORTING SUPPORT



22%

REINFORCING SUSTAINABILITY

Mentorship

In 2021, Misesan Cara supported 50 members through our mentorship programme, implementing **178 projects in 33 countries and providing on-site and remote support to 727 individual team members.**

Another very important way that we help our members build their capacity is through our mentorship programme, which is delivered by four regionally based mentors who travel throughout their assigned regions to visit projects and meet with project staff (see accompanying infographic). COVID-19 has challenged our normal way of conducting project mentorship, so just as in 2020, almost all visits and collaboration between mentors and project teams in 2021 happened through video calls and emails.

But every challenge creates opportunities for innovation. Exploiting the technology for videoconferencing, our mentors organised conferences that would have been too costly in person. In April, a virtual conference on women in peace building included participation from women in Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Peru while another conference on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people living with HIV & AIDS was attended virtually by participants from Brazil, Peru, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya and Thailand.

2021 MENTOR SUPPORT

178

projects

33

countries

50

members

On-site and remote support to

230

individual team members

Patricia Ynoñan Garcia, Misesan Cara Development Mentor for Latin America (in pink shirt, standing in centre), with the Cesoles team in Cali, Colombia (supported by Misesan Cara member Little Sisters of the Assumption) at a workshop on how to develop a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan.

Photo: CESOLES



Monitoring, Audit, Evaluation, and Research

Monitoring

Virtual engagement was the order of the day in our monitoring programme also but, again, there was a silver lining to the enforced cancellation of in-person project visits. Using the framework we developed in 2020, we carried out virtual visits to projects in countries where the low number of active projects would have made it difficult to justify the expense of an in-person visit. Misesan Cara staff and mentors were able to “visit” projects in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Nepal, Madagascar, Ecuador, Pakistan and Argentina, as well as in sixteen other countries. In total, we engaged virtually with 51 projects implemented by 32 members in 22 countries.

Even working at the distance imposed by COVID-19, project teams felt greatly supported by the engagements, as this message from a project manager in Sri Lanka shows:

I was wondering as I read the [monitoring] report ... how true a portrait of the project you have presented: the sweat, the anxieties, the fears; the political situation, the social dilemma; the intricacy of living among a displaced, war-affected people with very little security... you have been able to grasp the depth of this project as if you were really present here.

Evaluation

With missionary development projects, it's not about doing the same thing day after day for years at a time without thinking about it. It's true that, on a daily basis, missionaries and their project teams deliver life-changing services in education, healthcare, livelihoods and human rights. But missionaries are also asking themselves, every day, how things can be done better, more effectively and more efficiently, for more people. The regular evaluations that members carry out provide opportunities to look in detail at the strengths and shortcomings of projects. These are complemented by external evaluations that are commissioned by Misesan Cara each year.

In 2021, for example, we asked a consultant to look at seven agriculture projects that are focused on empowering women. We wanted to know if the projects were bringing about real change in women's lives. The evaluation revealed that women benefited greatly from capacity building, income generation and improved nutrition. In keeping with the missionary approach to development, most projects targeted multiple aspects of empowerment, such as access to resources and income, leadership, gender equality/human rights, and nutrition. It was pointed out by

the evaluators, however, that simply including women in a project does not necessarily benefit them and that, in turn, those who benefit are not necessarily empowered. For example, a woman who contributes to increased household income may not have any control over how that income is allocated. We'll bear these lessons in mind for future projects of this nature.

Conferences and Contributions

In September, we made a presentation at the International Conference on Sustainable Development, showcasing the unique way in which missionaries promote the right to quality education, and published a paper entitled *The Missionary Approach to Development: Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education for the most marginalised*.

In November, Misesan Cara participated in the Annual Conference of the Development Studies Association of Ireland, presenting our Climate Action Awards under the heading of Promoting positive change to combat the devastating consequences for livelihoods in climate vulnerable countries.

Missionaries have been delivering quality education in the Global South for generations, complementing government services which often struggled with limited resources. Against this background, we published a Policy Brief entitled *Valuing faith-based non-profits as non-state education actors*, with the aim of contributing to the annual Global Education Monitoring Report dialogue.

Learning

At Misesan Cara, we want to draw on the experience and wisdom of our member organisations to contribute to wider discussions about the kind of development work that contributes to real change and truly transforms lives. Our series of Learning Briefs, available on our website is part of our contribution to that thinking.

In 2021, we published Briefs on:

- How the Missionary Approach to Development enables reaching those who are furthest behind in terms of human development
- Working towards gender equality
- Supporting employment opportunities for young people in Southern Africa
- Women working for peace in Latin America

Public & Member Engagement:

In 2021, we engaged with the public, our members, supporters and donors through a variety of channels including:

Website



8,546

www.miseancara.ie visitors



56,855

page views



27

articles and stories

Social Media



12,000

followers

184,00

tweet impressions



55,000

followers



630

followers

Mobilising Funds, Fundraising and Public Engagement

Misean Cara members mobilising resources

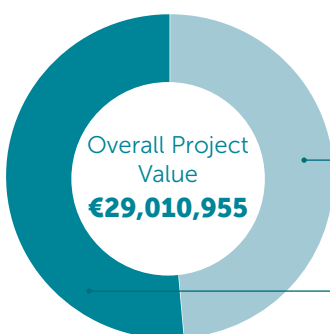
In addition to the funds that we contribute to our members, we require that they provide at least 25% of the budget needed for their projects (with the exception of Emergency and Innovation Funds). Of that 25%, not more than 10% can be in-kind contributions and a minimum of 15% must be in cash. In 2021, as has been the trend for many years now, our members far surpassed this requirement, mobilising greater than 50% of their projects' budgets.

Diversifying Income Streams

Our successful building of relationships over recent years has allowed us to further enhance and diversify our funding streams. We are extremely grateful for all the support we received in 2021 and would like to thank our funders Irish Aid, US-based GHR Foundation, Raskob Foundation, Brigidine Sisters and ESB Electric Aid. And to Americares, for providing free healthcare training programmes for frontline staff in member projects.

Our fundraising strategy is to ensure the sustainability of our work and to align with partners who share the same goals and values of Misean Cara and our work in helping those furthest behind.

Actual project funds allocated in 2021



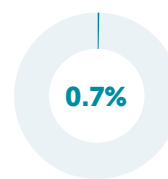
Member contributions:
€14,426,082

Funding Sourced by Misean Cara:
€15,158,389

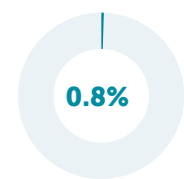
Our spending breakdown 2021



Charitable Activities



Raising Funds



Governance

Advocacy and Networking

Advocating for and with our Members on behalf of the Furthest Behind

In 2021, our advocacy work focused on climate action, girls' access to education, migrant rights and forced displacement.

Building on a formal submission to the Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report in 2020, Misesan Cara addressed the characteristics and value of faith-based organisations as Non-State Actors in Education at the Irish launch of the GEM Report in 2021.

Responding to the Laudato Si' encyclical by Pope Francis, Misesan Cara encouraged members to write to Irish politicians and call for ambitious outcomes and urgent targets to be agreed at COP15 on Biodiversity and COP26 on Climate Action in October and November 2021.

In November, Misesan Cara participated with Irish Jesuits International and JRS-Ireland in launching *Protection with Dignity: A Humane Response to Global Forced Displacement*, a report based on research supported by Misesan Cara's Innovation Fund.

Networking with other Organisations

Misesan Cara is active in a wide network of like-minded organisations in Ireland and abroad, enabling us to access and share information relevant to our work and contribute to broader national and international development initiatives from a position of recognised experience. We hold memberships in a number of organisations and networks including Dóchas, Irish Forum for Global Health, and Laudato Si' Action Platform.

UNDAUNTED

STORIES OF FREEDOM IN A SHACKLED SOCIETY



During his four decades as a missionary in Kenya, Fr. Gabriel Dolan of Saint Patrick's Missionary Society has focused on advocating and campaigning for human rights, freedom and social justice.

In his recently published book *Undaunted – Stories of Freedom in a Shackled Society*, Fr. Gabriel shares a collection of stories that exemplify the power of missionary advocacy work. He writes of struggles with politicians, police and bureaucracy and demonstrates that working for change takes time, patience, faith and commitment. The message of the book is that poor people have the capacity to liberate themselves if given the time and opportunity to organise into powerful movements for change.

Photo:
Saint Patrick's Missionary Society

Governance and Audit

Misean Cara's Board of Directors

Five members left the Board in 2021

Justin Kilcullen retired from Misean Cara's Board on 23 June 2021 after serving as Chairperson since 2019. Justin originally joined Misean Cara's Board in 2015. (Attended 2 of the 2 Board meetings he was eligible to attend)

Fr. Brendan Carr, C.S.Sp, who joined the Board in 2015, served as Vice-Chair of the Board until he resigned in June 2021. (2/2)

Sr. Elizabeth Fletcher of the Sisters of Mercy retired from the Board in June 2021. (2/2)

Fr. David Kenneally SSC, is a member of the Missionary Society of St Columban. David was appointed to the Board in June 2020 and resigned in May 2021. (1/1)

Colin Wrafter joined the Board in December 2016 and was appointed chair of the Governance Committee in June 2017. Colin resigned from the Board in December 2021. (7/7)

At the end of the year the Board had 11 serving Directors

Kevin Carroll was appointed to the Misean Cara Board in 2019 and elected Chairperson on 23 June 2021. Kevin's 30-year career in international development includes positions with the Irish Aid programme, Trócaire and Concern. He retired from the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2014 and subsequently worked as a Missionary Development Officer with Saint Patrick's Missionary Society until early 2019. During his career he has served overseas in five countries and has lectured part-time in development studies at University College Dublin. (7/7)

Sr. Josephine McCarthy, a Presentation Sister who has spent over 20 years in Ecuador and Peru, was co-opted to the Board in September 2018 and currently serves as Vice-Chair (appointed 23 June 2021). She is a coordinator of the Presentation Global Education Experience project, linking teachers and students from Ireland with communities in India and Zambia. She is a Director of the Cork Alliance Centre, providing support for young people on release from prison, and co-ordinates a drop-in centre for immigrants in Cork City. 6/7

Dr. Pauline Faughnan has published research on a wide range of social policy and equality fields including disability, refugees and asylum seekers, community development and girls' education. Her work in University College Dublin has involved establishing a Programme of Applied Research in the Social Science Research Centre and research development within the School of Social Justice where she co-ordinated the university-wide Egalitarian World Initiative. Pauline was elected to the Board of Misean Cara in 2017. (7/7)

Larry O'Loughlin, formerly a Regional Manager with Teagasc (The Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority), has a long history of volunteering in the not-for-profit sector, having chaired the Board of Vita, also serving on the Advisory Board of Ireland Aid and the Board of Self-Help Development. He has considerable experience in evaluating agriculture and livelihoods projects in East and Southern Africa. Larry was co-opted to the Board in September 2018 and is Chairperson of the Programmes Oversight Committee. (7/7)

Marie Mulvey, who was co-opted to the Board in November 2020, has worked for more than 20 years in strategic human resources with extensive experience in the financial services, technology, clinical research, utilities and retail & property industries. She brings expertise in employee engagement and relations, performance management, project management, organisational change and development, and employment law. (6/7)

Charlie Lamson was co-opted to the Board in November 2020. He has over 20 years of experience as a not-for-profit leader and fundraising professional in the US and Ireland. Charlie has also served as CEO of Sightsavers Ireland, Head of Development for Front Line Defenders, Corporate Campaigns Manager for Children's Hospital Boston, and has served as a Board member of Dóchas. His experience in international development includes a posting with the United States Peace Corps in Bulgaria from 1993-1995. (6/7)

Sr. Franca Onyibor is a Missionary Sister of the Holy Rosary, with over 20 years of mission experience in Zambia and Nigeria. With a background in counselling, spirituality and non-violent communication, Sr. Franca introduced a 'Non-Violent Communication for Social Change' programme in Nigeria, and a 'Drinking from a Common Well' project to promote inter-religious dialogue. Sr. Franca has also worked on the rights of children in the inner-city area of Chicago and is passionate about ecological and environmental issues. She joined the Misean Cara Board in June 2021. (4/5)

Fr. Seamus O'Neill joined St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan in 1967 and was ordained in 1974. He has worked as a missionary in Turkana, Kenya in the 1970s and 1990s, later serving as the Chancellor of Lodwar Diocese in Kenya until 2002. Fr. Seamus studied philosophy at Fordham University, New York. In 2002, he was appointed the Congregational Leader of St. Patrick's Missionary Society, and currently serves as the congregation's Bursar General. Fr. Seamus joined the Misean Cara Board in June 2021 and was also appointed the Chairperson of the Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee on 14 July 2021. (5/5)

Sandra Neville joined the Misesan Cara Board in June 2021. Though she has a background in nursing and midwifery, since 2007 Sandra has worked primarily in the area of safeguarding. She was also the Safeguarding Advisor for Misesan Cara from 2016 to 2018. Sandra's work in safeguarding has taken her throughout the Global South as a consultant with many faith-based organisations and NGOs. Sandra has also completed training in Core Humanitarian Standards investigation and undertaken investigations in Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of Congo. (5/5)

Patrick McMahon joined the Board in September 2021, bringing with him decades of experience in the legal profession, including six years as a District Court Judge. Over the years, Patrick has served on several Boards, including a tenure as Chair of the Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company and of Booterstown National School. In addition to Misesan Cara, Patrick is also currently a member of the Board of the Adoption Authority of Ireland and is a lecturer in the Law Society. (2/3)

Dr. Lancelot O'Brien brings to the Board significant expertise in the agricultural management sector, including a 40-year career at Teagasc. He began his career at Teagasc managing Irish Aid-funded projects in Lesotho, Sudan and Tanzania, and during his final decade managed international development activities including policy and strategy for supporting agricultural development and food security in Africa. He also led the formation of the Irish Forum for International Agricultural Development (IFIAD) and was its first Chair. Lance was co-opted to the Board in December 2021, attending his first meeting in 2022.

Sub-Committees of the Board

Our Board has delegated some of its specific functions to standing committees that undertake detailed oversight in accordance with agreed terms of reference set out in the Governance Manual. As of 31st December 2021, there were three sub-committees of the Board:

- The Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring and assessing Misesan Cara's financial position. It assists the Board in verification of expenditure, that funds are utilised and audited according to approved procedures, that financial risk is minimised, that investments are carefully managed, and that a complete and accurate record is kept of financial transactions. The committee comprises two Directors and four external experts in finance. The Committee met five times during 2021. The Committee oversaw the continuation of the rolling internal audit process with RSM Ireland.

- The Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing that Misesan Cara has sufficient resources and the correct skills and expertise in place to achieve its strategic objectives and mission, as well as risk management, including reviewing the governance arrangements of the organisation, the nominations process for Directors, and for providing the Board with advice on matters related to human resources. The committee comprises four Directors, two of whom are from member organisations, and two external experts in governance and HR. The Committee met on four occasions in 2021. The Company Secretary acts as secretary to the committee.
- The Programmes Oversight Committee reviews and provides advice on all matters relating to the programme of funding and other support to members including the funding schemes, capacity development, research, monitoring and evaluation. It comprises three Directors and five external individuals with relevant expertise. The committee met three times during 2021. The Project Funding Manager acts as secretary to the committee.

Each of these committees reports regularly on its delegated activities to meetings of the Board of Directors. This structure provides for effective oversight and increased efficiency at Board level. The inclusion of external individuals with specifically relevant skills and expertise on each of these committees ensures that quality advice and guidance are available to the Board for prudent decision making.

Governance and Policies in 2021

In 2021 we commissioned an evaluation of the effectiveness of Misesan Cara's Board, which was carried out by Boardmatch. The review, completed in November, noted high overall satisfaction with the effectiveness of the Board (89%), and provided a number of recommendations which we are currently acting upon. These include further streamlining of board papers, reviewing policies on succession and diversity, and providing training for new members on understanding finance reports to the Board.

Over the course of 2021, 16 policy or guidance documents were approved by the Board including new policies on gender equality and disability inclusion. An updated Finance Manual was also approved. We review a number of policies annually including safeguarding, the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment, safety & security, the governance manual, the organisational risk register and the risk policy.

Risk Management

Our organisational risk register was updated in September 2021, using a Red/Amber/Green rating to rate risk. Risks having a Red rating in the latest register relate to:

- the loss, reduction or delay in receipt of Irish Aid funding;
- fraud and misappropriation of funds;
- failure in compliance around safeguarding;
- catastrophic event leading to major disruption in operations

Mitigation plans are in place for all risks.

Compliance with Best Practice Guidelines

Misean Cara adheres to the Charities Governance Code from the Charities Regulatory Authority and follows the relevant guidelines for the management of conflicts of interest. The organisation is fully committed to honouring the standards contained within the Charities Institute of Ireland's Fundraising Codes of Good Practice and is also covered by their Triple Lock Standard.

Company secretarial services are provided by L&P Trustee Services who were re-appointed following a tender process in 2021. Their contract will run until July 2024.

Safeguarding

In 2021 our organisational safeguarding policy and procedures were reviewed and updated in line with current legislation, the Dóchas Safeguarding Code, and international best practice. Since 2021, we require that our members submit a safeguarding report with all annual project reports. Extensive engagement with members around incident reporting included the development of an incident reporting template and a webinar on the importance of incident reporting. In connection with a new organisational policy on the subject, training was held on the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH).

A Critical Action Report (CAR) is included in all CEO reports to the Board which includes any safeguarding issues that arise.

In 2021, Misean Cara received and managed three safeguarding reports from three members. Two of these reports were not in connection with a Misean Cara funded project but were reported on by members for full transparency. The one direct incident report was managed appropriately by the member and was closed to Misean Cara's satisfaction in May 2021. At year end there were no open incident reports.

Reference and Administrative Details

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Board of Directors

Mr. Justin Kilcullen – Chairperson (retired 23 June 2021)
Mr. Kevin Carroll – Chairperson (appointed 23 June 2021)
Fr. Brendan Carr C.S.Sp – Vice-Chairperson (retired 23 June 2021)
Sr. Josephine McCarthy PVBM – Vice-Chairperson (appointed 23 June 2021)
Sr. Elizabeth Fletcher RSM (retired 23 June 2021)
Mr. Colin Wrafter (resigned 15 December 2021)
Fr. David Kenneally SSC (resigned 12 May 2021)
Mr. Larry O'Loughlin
Dr. Pauline Faughnan
Ms. Marie Mulvey
Mr. Charlie Lamson
Mr. Patrick McMahon (appointed 22 September 2021)
Fr. Seamus O'Neill, SPS (appointed 23 June 2021)
Ms. Sandra Neville (appointed 23 June 2021)
Sr. Franca Onyibor, MHSR (appointed 23 June 2021)
Dr. Lancelot O'Brien (appointed 15 December 2021)

Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee

Mr. Kevin Carroll – Chairperson (resigned 14 July 2021)
Fr. Seamus O'Neill, SPS – Chairperson (appointed 14 July 2021)
Mr. Charlie Lansom – Vice Chairperson (appointed 14 July 2021)
Mr. Donal Murray
Mr. John Gavigan
Mr. Paolo Camisassa (appointed 12 May 2021)
Ms. Vanessa Duffy (appointed 12 May 2021)
Fr. Gerry O'Connor C.Ss.R (retired 12 May 2021)
Fr. David Kenneally SSC (resigned 12 May 2021)

Governance Committee

Judge Patrick McMahon (appointed 22 September 2021 – Chairperson 10 November 2021)
Mr. Colin Wrafter – Chairperson (resigned 10 November 2021)
Sr. Josephine McCarthy PVBM – Vice Chairperson (appointed 10 November 2021)

Mr. Kevin Carroll (appointed 14 July 2021)
Prof. Gerry Whyte
Ms. Marie Mulvey (appointed 6 February 2021)
Mr. Justin Kilcullen (retired 23 June 2021)
Sr. Elizabeth Fletcher RSM (retired 23 June 2021)
Mr. Ciaran Connolly (retired 4 February 2021)

Programmes Oversight Committee

Mr. Larry O'Loughlin – Chairperson
Ms. Pauline Conway (retired 28 April 2021)
Dr. Pauline Faughnan
Dr. Lancelot O'Brien
Ms. Helen Breen
Sr. Maura Clerkin, SSL
Asst. Prof. Sulagna Maitra

Company Registration Number

381117

Charity Registration Number

20055325

Charitable Tax Exemption Number

CHY15772

Chief Executive Officer

Mr John Moffett

Independent Auditor

Russell Brennan Keane,
Park View, Beech Hill Office Campus,
Beech Hill Road, Clonskeagh, Dublin 4.

Bankers

Bank of Ireland,
Terenure, Dublin 6

Solicitors

Byrne Wallace,
88 Harcourt St,
Saint Kevin's, Dublin 2

Financial Statements

Total Income

€15,819,520

Total Expenditure

€15,834,422

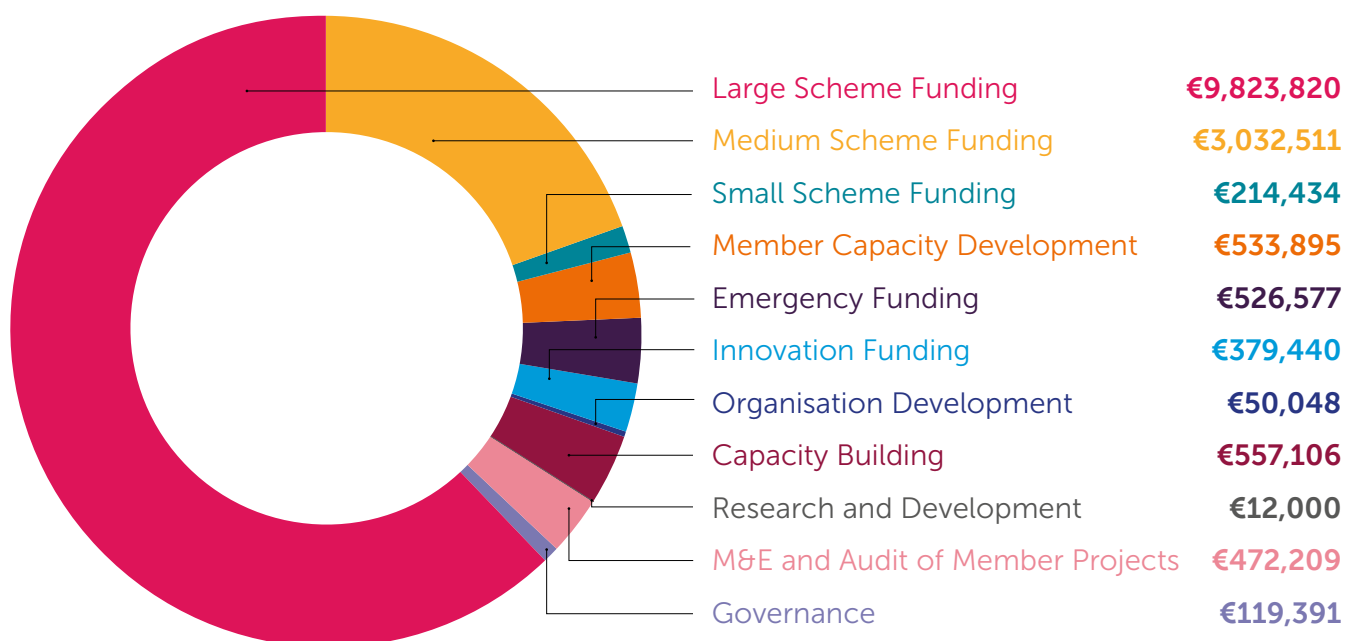
**Expenditure
on Raising
Funds**

€112,991

**Expenditure
on Charitable
Activities**

€15,721,431

Breakdown of Funds



Directors' Responsibilities Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Directors (who are also the directors of Misean Cara for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and regulations.

Irish Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "SORP" "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019.

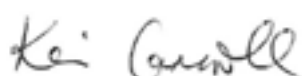
Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as to the financial year end and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

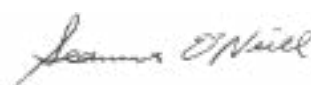
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



Mr. Kevin Carroll



Fr. Seamus O'Neill

Date: 04 May 2022

Independent Auditors' Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF MISEAN CARA

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Misean Cara (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure account, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable Irish law and Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2019.

In our opinion the financial statements :

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2021 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard as issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority ("IAASA") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast

significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- The accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited;
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records;
- The information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements;
- The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose

of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's members as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ronan Kilbane
for and on behalf of

RBK Business Advisers
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm
Park View, Beech Hill Office Campus
Beech Hill Office Road, Clonskeagh
Dublin 4

Date: 04 May 2022

Statement of Financial Activities Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Restricted funds 2021 €	Unrestricted funds 2021 €	Total funds 2021 €	Total funds 2020 €
INCOME FROM:				
Charitable activities	14,882,701	930,000	15,812,701	15,797,479
Investments	-	-	-	209
Other income	4,894	1,925	6,819	1,583
TOTAL INCOME	14,887,595	931,925	15,819,520	15,799,271
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	7,449	105,542	112,991	171,146
Charitable activities	15,024,088	697,343	15,721,431	15,369,356
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	15,031,537	802,885	15,834,422	15,540,502
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(143,942)	129,040	(14,902)	258,769
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward	230,517	1,442,078	1,672,595	1,413,826
Net movement in funds	(143,942)	129,040	(14,902)	258,769
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	86,575	1,571,118	1,657,693	1,672,595

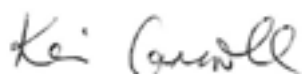
Further information can be found in the detailed Statement of Financial Activities on the Misesan Cara website. The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Balance Sheet

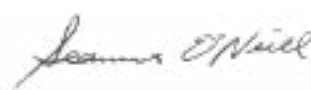
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	€	2021 €	€	2020 €
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		53,126		58,100
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	52,665		37,430	
Cash at bank and in hand	8,787,258		8,017,794	
	8,839,923		8,055,224	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	(7,235,356)		(6,440,729)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,604,567		1,614,495
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,657,693		1,672,595
CHARITY FUNDS				
Restricted funds		86,575		230,517
Unrestricted funds		1,571,118		1,442,078
TOTAL FUNDS		1,657,693		1,672,595

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors and signed on their behalf by:



Mr. Kevin Carroll



Fr. Seamus O'Neill

Date: 04 May 2022

Further information can be found in the detailed Statement of Financial Activities on the Mísean Cara website.

Statement of Cash Flows

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 €	2020 €
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>799,931</u>	<u>1,140,955</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	-	209
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(30,467)</u>	<u>(35,878)</u>
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(30,467)</u>	<u>(35,669)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	769,464	1,105,286
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>8,017,794</u>	<u>6,912,508</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u>8,787,258</u>	<u>8,017,794</u>

Further information can be found in the detailed Statement of Financial Activities on the Miseen Cara website.

Misean Cara Members, 2021

Augustinian Fathers
 Capuchin Order
 Carmelites (OCD)
 Church Mission Society - Ireland
 Cistercians
 Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)
 Congregation of the Passion
 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)
 Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy
 Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul
 Daughters of Mary and Joseph
 Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
 Daughters of the Holy Spirit
 De La Salle Brothers
 Dominican Fathers
 Edmund Rice Development
 Faithful Companions of Jesus
 Franciscan Brothers
 Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
 Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph
 Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood
 Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa
 Franciscan Missionary Union
 Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
 Good Shepherd Sisters
 Holy Faith Sisters
 Holy Family Sisters of Bordeaux
 Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God
 Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto)
 Irish Jesuits International
 Irish Ursuline Union
 La Sainte Union
 Little Company of Mary
 Little Sisters of the Assumption
 Marie Auxiliatrice Sisters
 Marist Brothers
 Marist Fathers
 Marist Sisters
 Medical Missionaries of Mary
 Mill Hill Missionaries
 Missionaries of Africa
 Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban (International)
 Missionary Sisters of the Assumption
 Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary
 Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit
 Missionary Society of Saint Columban (Columban Fathers)
 Notre Dame des Missions
 Order of Carmelites
 Order of Saint Camillus
 Pallottine Fathers
 Patrician Brothers
 Poor Servants of the Mother of God
 Presbyterian Church in Ireland
 Presentation Brothers
 Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Religious of Jesus and Mary
 Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
 Religious Sisters of Charity (RSC)
 Rosminian Fathers
 Saint John of God Sisters
 Saint Patrick's Missionary Society
 Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland
 Salesian Sisters
 Servites
 Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris
 Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of the Incarnate Word
 Sisters of Nazareth
 Sisters of Our Lady of Sion
 Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles
 Sisters of Saint Clare
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Annecy
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambery
 Sisters of Saint Joseph of Cluny
 Sisters of Saint Louis
 Sisters of the Cross and Passion
 Sisters of the Holy Cross
 Sisters of the Infant Jesus
 Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Chigwell)
 Society of African Missions
 Society of the Divine Saviour
 Society of the Divine Word
 Society of the Sacred Heart
 The Congregation of Dominican Sisters
 The Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers)
 Viatores Christi





A health care worker from the Mary Ward Primary Health Care Centre (MWPHCC) takes temperatures during patient intake at a mobile clinic for villagers in Maker Kuei, South Sudan. The MWPHCC is run by the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto) as part of their primary and secondary school community in Rumbek. Last year, the mobile clinic provided 24,000 patients in seven remote villages with access to medical treatment and a mobile medicine dispensary. Read more about the MWPHCC on page 13 of this report.

Photo:
Paul Jeffrey

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