



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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Welcome to the 2022 Annual Report of Misesan Cara.
We are a vibrant membership-based missionary organisation
working at the forefront of long-term development and
humanitarian work in the Global South.

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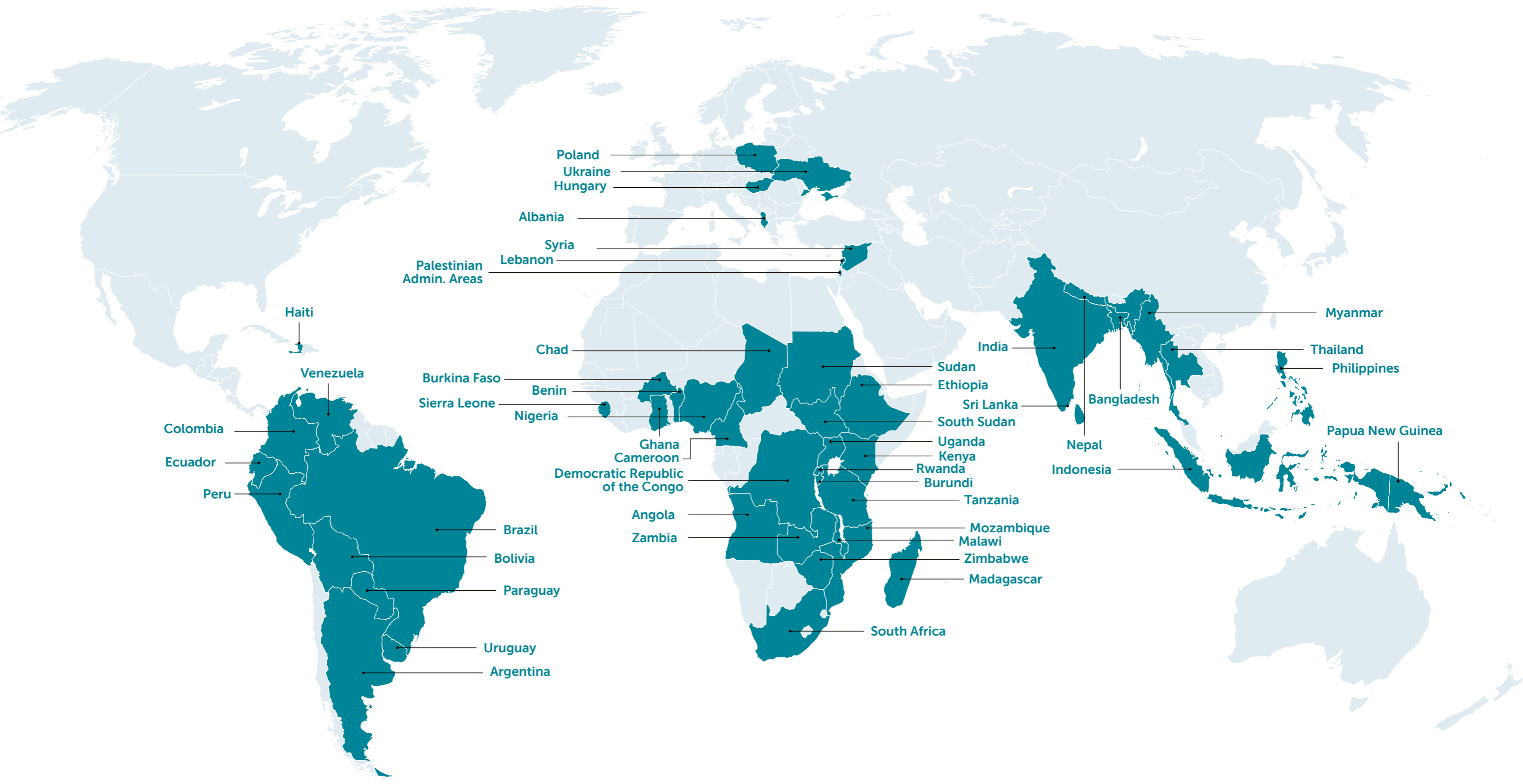
Member: Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland

Country: Uganda

At the Palabek resettlement camp in Uganda, home to more than 58,000 refugees from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland run an environmental improvement project that is training more than 3,000 young people in sustainable food production, tree planting and environmental management. In the crowded camp, human activities such as deforestation, burning charcoal, and the use of poor-quality fertilisers are causing air, soil and water pollution and leading to destruction of the surrounding habitat. Through education on climate-friendly farming and environmental practices, and teaching about the negative effects of unchecked human activities, the project aims to change mindsets and behaviours. Young people in the camp are being trained in livelihoods activities that are resilient in the face of climate change and that can ensure sustainable incomes for the future. The project is also working with young people to plant over 10,000 trees in the area.

Photo: Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland

In 2022, our members' projects had a real and lasting impact **around the world.**



Misean Cara 2022 at a Glance

In 2022, we supported **327 projects** in **53 countries** reaching almost **1.7 million people**. These projects were worth **€14.1m** and were implemented by **53 Misean Cara members**.

Upholding the right to climate resilient livelihoods and decent jobs

€ 2,200,511 allocated	51 projects	26 members 15 countries	103,485 people targeted
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Upholding the right to quality education

€4,789,589 allocated	89 projects	39 members 31 countries	146,570 people targeted
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Upholding the right to better health, clean water and sanitation

€3,272,692 allocated	71 projects	32 members 24 countries	1,087,973 people
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Upholding and advocating for human rights

€2,754,254 allocated	45 projects	25 members 26 countries	267,341 people
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Emergency assistance

€460,496 allocated	32 projects	19 members 15 countries	49,862 people targeted
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Innovation Fund

€217,369 allocated	15 projects	11 members 10 countries	21,526 people
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Member Capacity Development

€449,653 allocated	24 projects	19 members 25 countries
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Measuring the collective impact of our members

Misean Cara Strategic Goals

For over a century, Irish missionaries have followed the principle of reaching the last, the least and the lost, which aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals principle of reaching those furthest behind first.

Guided by their faith, Irish missionaries live amongst poor and excluded communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. With support from Misean Cara, our members strive to enable every individual to live a life of dignity and realise their full potential. They do this by upholding the rights of all people to climate resilient livelihoods and decent jobs; the right to quality education; the right to better health, clean water and sanitation; and to have their human rights protected and upheld.

Missionary organisations are making a lasting difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable, which is evidenced in the results data that we collect from our members and present throughout this report.

<p>GOAL 1 Uphold the right to climate resilient livelihoods and decent jobs</p> 	<p>1 NO POVERTY </p>	<p>2 ZERO HUNGER </p>	<p>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH </p>	<p>13 CLIMATE ACTION </p>
<p>GOAL 2 Uphold the right to quality education</p> 	<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION </p>			
<p>Goal 3 Uphold the right to better health, clean water and sanitation</p> 	<p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING </p>	<p>6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION </p>		
<p>GOAL 4 Uphold and advocate for human rights</p> 	<p>16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS </p>			

Our impact in 2022

Misean Cara members achieved remarkable results during 2022, creating life changing opportunities for **1.7 million people in 53 Countries.**

Upholding climate resilient livelihoods and decent jobs

89,201

people in over 14,853 households saw improved livelihoods

Almost 71,000

people achieved greater food and nutrition security

4,941

changes in practices and policies enabled communities to better withstand the effects of climate change

Upholding the right to quality education

104,351

people were able to access quality education

< 1%

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

2,907

contributions to the strengthening of educational systems at local, regional or national levels, including in-service teacher training and classroom construction

Upholding the right to better health, clean water and sanitation

1 million

people availed of quality health services

1406

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

12,930

pregnant women supported throughout pregnancy, with over 75% completing four or more antenatal visits, compared to 60% global average and 49% average in sub-Saharan Africa

Upholding and advocating for human rights

Over 1.2 million

individuals learned about their human rights and specific entitlements, 40% of whom were under the age of 18

Over 2,700

victims of human rights violations accessed justice and legal support through conviction, sentencing, reparation and compensation

2,748

contributions were made to strengthen laws and policies at local, national and international levels

Member Capacity Development

4,014

staff from 27 members in 23 countries availed of training in safeguarding, project and financial management and fundraising

92%

of new strategies, systems and policies implemented by members reported to be effective, including those for advocacy work, strategic planning and organisational monitoring and evaluation

Member: Little Sisters of the Assumption

Country: Brazil

Sr Bride Counihan (far right), of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, is seen here with project staff, teachers and students in front of the Umburanas preschool in Bahia, Brazil during a recent project monitoring trip. The Umburanas project ensures access to basic education for children and young people in this semi-arid region in one of the most socioeconomically disadvantaged states in Brazil. In some areas of Bahia, more than 50% of people are living below the poverty line. The project offers preschool education to young children and social, educational and homework support to older children, with plans under consideration for an agricultural school to offer training in semi-arid farming techniques for youth progressing out of school.

Photo: Little Sisters of the Assumption



Foreword by the Chairperson

At the close of my second year as Chair of the Misesan Cara Board, I reflect yet again on the valuable contribution that Irish missionaries have made and continue to make to international development. Misesan Cara has always been about supporting our members to deliver their life-transforming projects on behalf of the world's most vulnerable and excluded, through their unique approach to development interventions.

Missionaries really do bring something special to their work. We see this continuously in the results that Misesan Cara members deliver from the projects they implement with our support. We see it particularly in the lifelong commitment they make to the communities they serve, especially in the most challenging of environments. The imprint they have left is indeed remarkable. Throughout my career, I have always felt that being Irish has been an advantage when working overseas. The welcome that Irish people have received when working in developing countries is due to no small degree to the good will generated by successive Irish missionaries in their adopted countries.

2022 was an important year for Misesan Cara in renewing that commitment through the launch of our new organisational strategy for the next five years. As Board Chair, it was my privilege to launch the Strategy at our AGM in June 2022. We are very grateful to all those who contributed to this process.

In developing the new strategy, we recognised the need to embrace change. We intend to become even more efficient in the way we support our members to deliver their services, reducing time and costs for both the members and Misesan Cara staff. We will further diversify our funding sources. We will also continue strengthening the capacity of our members in adapting their work to changing development contexts, and in advancing localisation processes. Our support to development interventions will focus more on addressing the climate crisis. You can read more about the strategy on page 9 of this report.

Thanks to the combined effort of our members over the last year, we can report that in 2022, nearly 71,000 people now have improved food security and better nutrition, and almost 15,000 households have enhanced livelihoods and incomes.

Another important highlight this year was the successful introduction of the member contribution scheme. This very welcome support will enable us to increase our investment in a number of critical areas across the organisation, especially fundraising.

Irish missionaries have continued to distinguish themselves as members of the Irish diaspora and for their impact on international development. This year, we were delighted to see Fr. Dick O'Riordan honoured with a Presidential Distinguished Service Award by President Michael D. Higgins for his peace, reconciliation and development work in South Africa.

As the number of Irish missionaries serving overseas continues to decline, our members are engaged in a planned transition to locally led development. Non-Irish missionaries are now rightly assuming more leadership positions in their congregations, motivated by the charisma of their founders in delivering concrete development outcomes. This is very encouraging and Misesan Cara will fully support them in this transition.

Sadly, we also continued to lose a number of Irish missionaries in 2022 who had devoted their lives to service overseas. They have all been great ambassadors for Ireland. May they rest in peace. Among those who died in 2022 was Salesian Father Pat Naughton who was a visionary and a driving force at the Salesian Institute Youth Projects in Cape Town, South Africa.

I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow Board members for their commitment and engagement throughout the year. This year, we bade farewell to two departing members, Larry O'Loughlin and Dr. Lance O'Brien whose presence and insights will be missed. We offer our thanks to Larry and Lance for their contributions to Misesan Cara. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to our CEO John Moffett, the hard-working staff of Misesan Cara, and all our members for the energy and commitment they bring to their work every day.

With our new strategy firmly under way, we look forward in the coming years to continue delivering on our commitment to improving the lives of those we serve.



Kevin Carroll
Chairperson





Project: Inter-Congregational Sustainable Agriculture Project (ICSAP)

Countries: Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda

ICSAP participant Kevin Achiro demonstrates her space- and water- conserving kitchen garden, that utilises hanging seedbeds made from recycled household materials (top left) to members of her agricultural training group for small-scale farmers. ICSAP is using kitchen gardens to engage 500 targeted households in further skills building in sustainable agriculture and technologies that can help to increase food and nutrition for households and contribute to greater income security. Last year, Achiro's kitchen garden provided her with enough extra vegetables to sell for a profit of ten times her initial investment.

Members: Franciscan Brothers, Daughters of Charity, Patrician Brothers, Salesian Sisters, Irish Jesuits International, Spiritans and Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Photo: Richard Kawemba

Overview by the CEO

During a trip to Zambia in the summer of 2022, I was struck by the confidence and optimism of Juliet Manganja, a young, single mother of four whose pig farm I visited.

After years of hardship, she is now a successful entrepreneur, raising and selling prize-winning pigs and using her profits to pay for her children's school fees, books and uniforms, with enough income left over to reinvest in farming. She also participates in a local Savings & Loan programme and plans to expand her livestock compound.

This is the promise and hope of missionary development work. After taking part in an Edmund Rice Development livelihoods project, Juliet set up her business in 2019, and has now broken out of the cycle of poverty to become a self-sufficient farming entrepreneur. She has put her family on a stable footing, with a pathway to a secure future.

At Misesan Cara, we believe firmly that the Missionary Approach to Development is successful in reaching the poorest, most excluded people and communities and is more relevant than ever in the global fight to eradicate poverty and stay on target to meet the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Throughout this report we'll share evidence of our development effectiveness in 2022.

Last year, Misesan Cara supported Irish missionary organisations by approving grants of €14.1 million to deliver 327 development projects in 53 countries, reaching almost 1.7 million people. Those projects created opportunities to boost climate resilient livelihoods, education, health, and human rights and provide emergency assistance in times of crisis.

As our Board Chair, Kevin Carroll, mentioned in his Foreword, Misesan Cara launched a new strategy in 2022 that will guide our organisation through to 2026. At the heart of this strategy are Misesan Cara's core values: Justice, Respect, Commitment, Compassion, Integrity and Trust, which drive all of our efforts and our vision for a world where the excluded can achieve a better quality of life. As a key priority, the new strategy puts an increased focus on projects that are taking action to address the climate crisis and its disproportionate impact on vulnerable people in the developing world. Preparing communities to withstand the harsh realities of changing weather patterns will be long-term work, but the early fruits of these efforts can already be seen, as evidenced by three member projects receiving Misesan Cara Climate Action Awards in 2022. We invite you to read about these projects which highlight how adaptable and effective such interventions can be.

The past year afforded Misesan Cara opportunities to showcase the exceptional work and impact of missionaries around the world, including a special feature insert in The Irish Catholic newspaper that put a spotlight on several individual members and the stories of their lives as missionaries. In December, we also hosted a seminar on human trafficking, at which keynote speaker Sr Imelda Poole, MBE (IBVM Loreto Sisters) addressed the critical role of protecting dignity and human rights in the struggle against human trafficking.

As an organisation, 2022 was a year of transition for Misesan Cara and our staff in Dublin, as we said farewell to several long-term members of our team who, after many years of dedicated service to Misesan Cara and our members, have embarked on new career directions. In return, we brought new talent, energy and experience on board to our administration, finance, learning & development, project funding and fundraising teams. We also moved offices, to a new location in the centre of Dublin better suited to the changing needs of our organisation.

Despite the many challenges facing the global development sector, over the past year I believe Misesan Cara has continued to deliver on our mission to enable effective missionary development work. For this, sincere thanks go to our members, the Irish missionary organisations, for their steadfast focus on the poor and vulnerable in our world.

None of the past year's achievements would have been possible without the generous support of our donors. We remain grateful to Irish Aid for their strategic partnership and belief in the importance of missionary development, and for the continuation of their generous funding. In the past year we have also received funding from the GHR Foundation, Americares, and ESB Electric Aid.

I would also like to offer my great thanks to our staff, the Misesan Cara Board of Directors and sub-Committees.

We look forward to continuing the work of eradicating poverty, promoting justice and ensuring no-one is left behind.



John Moffett
CEO



Misean Cara: Who We Are and What We Do

We are an Irish faith-based organisation established in 2004 to support the overseas development work of Irish missionaries. Our purpose has always been to enable missionaries to conduct effective development projects on behalf of the poorest and most vulnerable communities. We are a membership organisation, currently with 78 member organisations working in over 50 countries around the world.

We accompany and support our members in their work, enabling them to deliver impactful projects by providing funding, mentorship, monitoring and evaluation, capacity development, shared learning and consultation. Drawing on our extensive network of skilled members we strive to work collaboratively for greater impact. Our mission is to highlight the essential work of members, who work tirelessly to reach the furthest behind and those whose voices often are not heard.

We support our members with funding for their projects, but also with practical support to improve their organisational capacity. When development organisations run effectively, with well-trained staff and efficient systems, they are better able to deliver life-transforming projects to people in need.

Our mission to support overseas missionary projects is driven by a vision for a world where people who are the most marginalised, excluded and underprivileged can achieve a better quality of life. Underlying all our efforts to realise this vision are six core values: Justice, Respect, Commitment, Compassion, Integrity and Trust. We see these values mirrored by the unique way that missionaries conduct development work.

The Missionary Approach to Development Interventions (MADI) reaches people in some of the hardest to reach places including conflict zones and remote rural areas, where other organisations are often unable to maintain a presence. Missionaries take a holistic approach that sees every person as a dignified human being and addresses their needs and capabilities in partnership with individuals themselves.

A long-term dedication to the communities they live alongside and serve; a vision of a better, more equitable world for all; and a deeply personal, faith-inspired lifestyle and sense of solidarity with the poor further exemplify what makes the missionary approach unique within the wider context of international development.

Since our founding, Misean Cara has been generously supported by the Irish public through funding from Irish Aid, the Irish government's programme for overseas development. We remain grateful for this support and partnership in our effort to help the furthest behind build a better life for themselves

Our Mission

To resource and enable missionaries to deliver effective development work with the excluded and most vulnerable

Our Vision

A better world where people who are excluded from society are empowered to achieve a better quality of life

Our Values

- Respect
- Justice
- Commitment
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Trust

Misean Cara Strategy 2022 - 2026

Every organisation needs a long-term strategic plan to serve as a roadmap towards its vision and goals. A central event and highlight of 2022 was the launch at our June AGM of our new organisational strategy for 2022 - 2026.

The new strategy will guide our organisation in the coming years by building on the successes of the previous strategy, the gains made by our members' projects and the international development sector as a whole, while at the same time shifting focus to emerging and intensifying priorities that threaten to affect those recent gains.

We will endeavour throughout this strategy period to ensure that Misean Cara continues to add value to missionary organisations working overseas on behalf of the furthest behind.

Five key goals underpin our new strategy, which was developed in consultation with our Board, our members, and staff and donors, after a review of successes in the past five years and an analysis of trends and priorities for the future.

Misean Cara Strategic Goals for 2022 - 2026

- Uphold the right to climate resilient livelihoods and decent jobs
- Uphold the right to quality education
- Uphold the right to better health, clean water and sanitation
- Uphold and advocate for human rights
- Support our members with emergency assistance during sudden onset natural disasters and conflict

What's Different?

- A greater focus on projects addressing the climate crisis and helping communities build resistance to withstand shocks.
- Enhanced capacity development opportunities for our members, to support the organisational and professional development of our Irish members and the localisation processes occurring overseas.
- An increase in our efforts to diversify our funding sources to ensure that our members can continue to provide services to the communities they serve.
- An emphasis on reviewing our systems to ensure we support our members in the most efficient manner in compliance with best practice, while remaining alert to changing development contexts.



Member: De La Salle Brothers / CEALS education & welfare project

Country: Mozambique

Photo: De La Salle Brothers

Total Climate Resilient Livelihoods Spending €2,200,511



€1,590,494
Sustainable Agriculture



€350,099
Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and Cooperatives



€165,000
Savings, Loans and Microfinance



€94,918
Natural Resource Management and Conservation

IMPACT*

89,201

individuals in 14,853 households improved their earning potential

50%

of households reached by livelihoods projects were female-headed or child-headed

4,941

contributions made to improving human and natural systems affecting climate resilience, including heat and drought resistant crops and water saving methods

11,767

families (70,602 individuals) improved dietary diversity (including 13,276 women and 9,987 children under the age of 5.)

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by our members in 2022 using funding allocated in 2021.*

Upholding the right to climate resilient livelihoods and decent jobs

In 2022, we supported **51 livelihoods projects** by **26 members**, targeting **103,485 people** in **15 countries**.

Upholding the right to climate resilient livelihoods and jobs is the first of four objectives under our current strategy, driven by the ever more dire impact of climate change on communities in developing countries.

For missionaries, addressing the climate crisis and its disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations is a top priority. With 2.5 billion people working and depending on small-scale farms, lasting solutions to the problems of rising temperatures, changing weather patterns and dwindling water resources will be necessary to ensure household incomes and food security for the long-term.

In 2022, our members' livelihoods projects showed great commitment and innovation to help prepare for an uncertain future. Their projects are supporting households (especially female-headed households) and communities as they learn to practice sustainable agriculture and land practices as a means to improve their food and nutrition security and diversify incomes. We were also pleased to support many initiatives that improved access to renewable energy and sustainable technologies in marginalised communities.

With support from Miseen Cara, our members projects are advancing progress on meeting the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals 2 (Zero Hunger) and 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).

Faithful Companions of Jesus/Solidary with South Sudan, Riimenze, South Sudan

450 households trained in eco-friendly farming methods

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Kericho, Kenya

1,067 households achieved increased income through community Savings & Loan programmes

Franciscan Brothers,

Baraka Agricultural College, Northern Kenya

Training on income diversification, food and nutrition security for **1,200 people**

Since 2015, our members have also taken inspiration from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* to mobilise and care for our common home, achieve climate and ecological justice and respond to the cry of the earth and the poor. In November, we presented the annual Miseen Cara Climate Action Awards to projects and individuals who are actively involved in helping the communities hardest hit by the effects of climate change. You can read more about the 2022 Climate Action Awards on p. 12 of this report.

Empowerment through climate resilient farming in western Zambia

Misean Cara member

Edmund Rice Development

Country

Zambia

The Western Province of Zambia is home to more than one million people (1.3 million according to the 2022 population census), more than 80% of whom depend on subsistence farming. It is the poorest of Zambia's ten provinces*.

Edmund Rice Development has supported projects in Western Province since 2016, when their implementing partner, the Congregation of the Christian Brothers, first moved into the area to live and work alongside the poor. With Misean Cara funding, the project takes a multi-faceted, rights-based approach to tackling the root causes of poverty in the Province.

Farming is the main source of income for most families, who grow crops such as corn, rice and cabbage. The soil is rich but climate change is making erratic rainfall a problem with long-term implications for farmers and their families. A traditional lack of crop diversity also makes farmers and their incomes more vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

Through its current two-year project, the Christian Brothers work with over 2,200 subsistence farmers (1,400 women and 840 men) to improve their livelihoods and increase food and nutrition security for their families. Farmers are

being trained in organic agriculture techniques to offset soil depletion and help improve yields. Farmers are also diversifying their crops, reducing their dependency on corn by intercropping with peas, groundnuts, sunflower and other crops that bring extra nutrients to the soil. The project team is also running practical courses in business to help small-scale farmers earn more money for their produce, while mixed farming will enable them to diversify their income sources.

In addition, five boreholes are being drilled to provide water to 1,000 households. Families will have closer access to safe, clean drinking water, sparing many women and girls having to walk long distances to draw water.

**Zambia Demographic and Health Survey, 2018 (Zambia Statistics Agency, 2020).*



Mwalambwa Sianga and his wife Mwangala, farm cabbage, rape and winter corn in their fields near Nakako village in Senanga, Western Province, Zambia. As participants in the Edmund Rice Development project since 2019, they have learned more efficient planting methods and how to deal with pests and crop disease. The project has installed treadle pumps in their area that have allowed them to irrigate more land and increase their harvest. Mwalambwa says that he and his wife are now able to fully support their five children through their farming, and in future would like to farm even larger areas of land. With the income, they plan to send all five of their children to school and broaden their options for a secure future.

Photos: Isaac Phiri

2022 Misesan Cara Climate Action Awards

Recognising action and innovation on the most pressing global issue of our time

Record droughts, severe storms and changes in rainfall patterns are becoming common in many countries around the world as the effects of climate change accelerate year by year.

Yet it's the very countries producing the least carbon and greenhouse emissions that are well-known to be suffering the worst effects from extreme weather events. In 2022, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report cited that as many as 3.6 billion people live in a context that is highly vulnerable to climate change. Under these conditions, there is considerable concern around the pressure the climate crisis will put on farming and access to food, further threatening food security, livelihoods and health for millions already living on the margins.

Pope Francis's urgent messaging around climate change and its impact on the poor is at the centre of his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, urging 'Care for our Common Home'. Our members are responding to the Pope's entreaty to hear "the

cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" through innovative project adaptations aimed at helping communities prepare for the environmental and economic damage from severe weather events.

Misesan Cara members are helping local communities become resilient to the effects of climate change by adopting climate resilient farming methods and efficient use of fuel for cooking. The security of household incomes is also strengthened through creating jobs that are less affected by the impact of climate change.

We launched the annual Misesan Cara Climate Action Awards in 2020 to raise awareness of how missionary organisations and the communities they live amongst are taking action to address the climate crisis. These awards recognise the ingenuity and commitment of people and projects actively working to reduce the impact of climate change and increase the resilience of communities most at risk.



Member: Salesian Sisters

Country: India (Tamil Nadu)

In the aftermath of Cyclone Gaja in 2018, which devastated the livelihoods of many small-scale farmers in Tamil Nadu, the Salesian Sisters set up initiatives to help restore their farming practices but with the aim to increase use of organic, climate-resilient methods and crops. Mr. Balasubramanian Vandiyar (second from right), took the lead in his community, reaching out to local farmers to promote organic farming, better water harvesting and irrigation techniques on demonstration land that he provided himself. He has helped over 200 farmers to increase their food production; they now know how to test for soil health, how to cultivate bees to enhance local biodiversity and how to use organic fertilisers to improve crop quality.

Member: Irish Jesuits International and the Multi-educational and Agricultural Jesuit Institute of South Sudan (MAJIS)

Country: South Sudan (Lakes State)

The negative effects of climate change are presenting an urgent and persistent threat to the farmers they work with in Lakes State, as weather patterns in the area become increasingly unpredictable. In the past three years, food security has worsened as harvest yields have dropped by over 25%. The MAJIS, in partnership with the Jesuits of East Africa and Irish Jesuits International, focuses its efforts on the empowerment of women farmers by training them in sustainable farming and agricultural practice.

Since MAJIS first received funding from Misesan Cara in 2011, it has helped address food insecurity in 288 villages in Lakes State. MAJIS Field Officers train women in climate-smart farming techniques from planting to harvest to climate-smart farming techniques. In 2022, the farmers harvested high yields of kale, okra and kudra; enough to feed their families and with surplus that could be sold. 125 farmers in four villages were trained on free range poultry production while another 172 farmers were trained on crop cultivation and spacing, pest and disease control, and harvesting techniques.



Member: Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, Ifendu for Women's Development project

Country: Nigeria (Enugu State)

Over 600 women are members of the Ifendu for Women's Development project. The Ifendu Climate Action Group tackles deforestation, air pollution (from kitchen firewood smoke) and improper waste disposal. The group is raising awareness within their community of the need for climate action and holds local authorities and community leaders accountable, urging them to enact laws to protect biodiversity and the environment. Climate Action and *Laudato Si'* messaging is delivered at community education meetings, through social media, and outreach events engaging every segment of their community, including schools and partner organisations.

Total Education Spending: €4,789,589



€1,089,918

Primary Education



€1,403,332

Non-Formal/
Alternative Education



€778,979

Technical, Vocational
Education and Training



€812,369

Secondary Education



€819,991

Early Childhood Care
and Education

IMPACT*

104,351

people accessed quality education
(96% of those targeted)

Less than 1%

of students in Misesan Cara-funded education projects were reported to have dropped out, compared with 2018 UNESCO data citing dropout rates of 20% for sub-Saharan Africa.

2,907

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.

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by our members in 2022 using funding allocated in 2021.*

Upholding the right to quality education

In 2022, Misesan Cara supported **89 education projects** implemented by **39 members** in **31 countries**, targeting **146,670 people**

Access to quality, inclusive and equitable education is critical for empowering people in developing countries – especially girls – to achieve a better quality of life. Missionaries are dedicated to reaching those furthest behind with life-long learning opportunities through formal and non-formal education and vocational and skills training. Our members' projects make education accessible even for those most at risk of being excluded, including students with disabilities and additional needs, refugees, migrants, internally displaced children, and girls at risk of dropping out due to early pregnancy or forced marriage.

In 2022, our members continued to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on education. Millions of students from poorer and more marginalised communities did not return to school after pandemic lockdowns, a circumstance set to further increase inequality in educational opportunity and threaten future earning potential. Misesan Cara's members are also working to improve the quality of education students receive, by training new teachers and upskilling current educators with more effective pedagogical methods. Focused IT training is helping to reduce the digital skills gap that is holding back educational progress in many countries, particularly for women and girls, who are 25% less likely than males to know how to use basic digital technology.

Another significant challenge that our members addressed through their projects in 2022 is the increasing number of people affected by forced displacement, caused by many factors including climate-induced disasters and armed conflict. In 2022 alone, forced displacement reached a record high of 100 million people, over half of whom are children and young people.

With support from Misesan Cara, our members projects are contributing widely to meeting SDG 4 (Quality Education) by promoting quality, inclusive education and life-long learning for all.

Saint Patrick's Missionary Society, Mzuzu, Malawi

143 girls re-enrolled in school following pregnancy and early marriage.

Religious Sisters of Jesus and Mary, Jean Rabel Region, Haiti

IT literacy and skills training to **800 highly vulnerable students.**

Improving education outcomes for vulnerable children and youth in Mozambique

Misean Cara member

De La Salle Brothers

Country

Mozambique

The United Nations Development Programme Human Development Index for 2021 ranks Mozambique at 185th out of 191 countries in terms of quality of life for its citizens.* More than 60 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, and education levels, especially amongst girls and women, are chronically low.

The De La Salle Brothers are working to help vulnerable children and young people in the city of Beira retain more of what they learn at school and augment their education by providing free after-school education programmes through the La Salle Educational and Welfare Centre (Centro Educacional Assistencial Social La Salle, or CEALS).

Each year, 1,000 students, half of them girls, are supported by CEALS, which offers a safe learning space and academic programmes to fill in the educational gaps experienced by some of Beira's most disadvantaged children and adolescents. Outreach into the surrounding neighbourhoods identifies students who most stand to benefit from the project, using selection criteria such as family size and parents' income and literacy levels.

Funding from Misean Cara has helped in the construction of seven new classrooms, a library and toilet facilities, and in the development of programmes to enhance and promote child protection measures and skills training for the 30 volunteers that teach and provide counselling at the CEALS centre. To reduce the learning loss experienced during traditional breaks in the school calendar, CEALS volunteers work 12 months a year with the students.

The CEALS programme also uses Misean Cara support to provide sport and cultural activities that boost development of life and social skills, and a daily nutritional programme to address chronic hunger and malnutrition amongst the children.

**2021 UNDP Human Development Report*



Nilton Amaço, above, is a 22-year-old newly qualified university graduate with a teaching degree in mathematics and statistics, and now works as the Pastoral Coordinator for CEALS. Nilton himself entered the CEALS project in 2013 as a young student and stayed with the project until entering college. Nilton credits CEALS not only with his successful progression to third level education, but also with developing his passion for helping others and pursuing a career in teaching. "CEALS showed me how education should be done and early on awakened in me a passion for this vocation. CEALS liberates people through education, and I am an example of that."

Photos: De La Salle Brothers



After the completion of their regular school day, students participating in the CEALS educational and welfare project in Beira, Mozambique arrive at the centre to take additional classes and have access to complementary educational resources, including a library and computers. Students also take part in empowerment workshops, get nutrition support in the form of meals and instruction on the importance of a healthy diet, and receive counselling to address social and mental well-being.

Total Health Spending:
€3,272,692



€968,183
Communicable Diseases



€95,000
Non-Communicable Diseases



€380,603
Maternal and Child Health



€197,500
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



€1,631,406
Health Systems Strengthening

IMPACT*

1 million

people accessed quality health services

1,406

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

12,930

women supported throughout pregnancy

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by our members in 2022 using funding allocated in 2021.*

Upholding the right to better health, clean water and sanitation

In 2022, 32 of our members implemented 71 Health projects targeting 1,087,973 people in 24 countries.

Improving health outcomes for those living in poverty, whether in crowded urban settlements or remote rural areas, has been a focus of our members' projects for decades. Our members uphold the right to improved health outcomes for those living in poverty by focusing on access to quality healthcare, clean water, sanitation and hygiene. Considering the needs of the most vulnerable and furthest behind means that our members address the unique health issues of the elderly, pregnant mothers, children, those with disabilities, and refugees and displaced people.

In 2022, our members' health projects reflected the health issues on the global stage, including the lingering impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, maternal and infant mortality rates, and mental health disorders (also exacerbated by the pandemic). Skills training for new nurses, midwives and other healthcare personnel is helping to offset the strain on health systems overburdened by the pandemic and also increasing healthcare access to greater numbers of people in vulnerable, underserved communities.

Within this context, missionaries are masters at doing more with less, understanding that improving people's health doesn't always require complex responses. Boreholes and solar powered water pumps can bring safe, clean water to thousands and stave off water borne diseases and their negative effects on child nutrition and mortality. Hand washing stations constructed from basic household materials help to slow the spread of COVID-19 in communities without access to good household sanitation systems.

Daughters of Charity, Nigeria

Nutrition programmes improved health and mortality outcomes for 17,000 children and pregnant women in 20 communities.

The Redeptorists, South Africa

Providing comprehensive home-based care for over 18,000 people living with HIV and AIDS.

The Faraja Centre: Community Based Healthcare for a remote community

■ Misesan Cara member

Medical Missionaries of Mary

■ Country

Tanzania

In Singida, Tanzania, the Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMMs) operate the Faraja Community Based Healthcare Centre (FCBHC) to serve the needs of poor people in this remote district of nearly two hundred thousand people. Established in 2002 to provide the first Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) service in Singida Municipality for the country's ongoing HIV and AIDS epidemic, the Faraja Centre's outreach-based service model has expanded to include people, especially cancer patients needing hospice and palliative care, persons with disabilities, survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and those affected by human trafficking (HT).

More than 90% of cancer diagnoses in Singida are made at a late stage, with hospice or palliative care usually being the only treatment option left. However, very few patients have access to palliative care services due to the vast distances to healthcare facilities, patients' inability to travel, limited training of clinical staff and shortages of trained professionals. The FCBHC programme provides holistic, in-home palliative care and hospice services to 250 cancer patients in the community every year. To ensure a higher

calibre of caregiving, palliative care health workers receive additional training in patient care and are equipped with bicycles to facilitate their outreach into communities to deliver care and raise awareness.

An awareness raising programme that informs people about human trafficking, HIV and AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and gender-based violence aims to influence attitudes, behaviours and knowledge about these critical public safety and health issues. In Singida, an increase in cases of HIV is anticipated in the wake of the pandemic lockdowns. FCBHC's Voluntary Counselling and Test services will increase their reach to 1,500 people each year and will include counselling and health care support.

Gender based violence and human trafficking are also major challenges throughout the economically depressed areas of Singida. Public awareness sessions aimed at reaching more than 50,000 people a year will provide anti-human trafficking awareness, advocacy and education. The MMMs are also involved in lobbying at a broader level, with police, government and social welfare officials, lawmakers and community leaders working together to ensure that a safety net of support services exist for survivors of human trafficking. The platform also engages in anti-trafficking awareness raising activities and rescue and rehabilitation of survivors. Working together, the platform has helped in the rescue of more than 100 people from trafficking.



Sr. Dr. Marian Scena, co-Director of the Faraja Centre, with staff, loading medical supplies into the clinic vehicle in advance of conducting home palliative care visits in the community.

Photo: Medical Missionaries of Mary

**Total Human Rights Spending:
€2,754,254**



€993,338
Children's Rights



€458,667
Governance, civil society and peacebuilding



€1,091,453
Women's Rights



€101,796
Land rights (including protection of natural resources)



€109,000
Human Trafficking

IMPACT*

Over 1.2 million

people educated about their rights (40% under age 18)

2,703

victims of human rights violations accessed legal support and justice

2,748

contributions to strengthening of laws and/or policy implementation

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by our members in 2022 using funding allocated in 2021.*

Upholding and advocating for human rights

In 2022, Misesan Cara supported **45 Human Rights projects** by **25 members** in **26 countries**, targeting **267,341 people**.

Promoting and protecting the rights of excluded and oppressed people lies at the heart of missionaries' rights focus. To ensure equality and non-discrimination for all, our members work tirelessly to empower vulnerable people to know their rights and learn the skills to advocate on their own behalf to secure them.

In 2022, we accompanied our members with funding for projects that promoted rights awareness, mobilised communities to fight for changes to laws and policies that deny their rights, and that sought to uphold children's rights; gender equality; equal treatment for migrants and refugees; and the rights of typically voiceless populations including prisoners and those living with disabilities.

Last year, our members also addressed issues of environmental justice linked to the climate crisis and related human rights issues in numerous countries and contexts. Misesan Cara members are also involved in tackling the increasing prevalence of human trafficking in the world, through means of prevention, protection, access to justice, and advocating for policy and practice changes to counter the practice.

Still other Misesan Cara members worked to address the human rights of children and adolescents, with a particular focus on girls' rights, the rights of children with disabilities, and the rights of internally displaced children.

Salesian Sisters, Tamil Nadu, India

9,000 women and girls trained for heightened awareness of gender equality, GBV prevention, and provided with vocational education training to enhance life choices.

The Franciscans International

International advocacy at the UN General Assembly to elevate the human-rights approach to climate justice and the Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment

Community-based approaches to tackle gender-based violence in poor areas of South Africa

■ Misesan Cara member

Missionary Sisters of the Assumption

■ Implementing Organisation

CATHCA

■ Country

South Africa

In South Africa, nearly half of the adult population lives below the poverty line* with one in five families living in sprawling, informal settlements where unemployment is high and access to services is challenging.** Domestic and Gender Based Violence (GBV) are all too common, with women and children being most vulnerable to physical and emotional violence.

With almost 175 years of service in South Africa, the Missionary Sisters of the Assumption have vast experience in the empowerment of poor and vulnerable communities, including first-hand knowledge of the causes and effects of violence against women and girls.

The Sisters have joined forces with the Catholic Health Care Association of Southern Africa (CATHCA) to scale up innovative, community-based approaches to tackle this issue.

In five informal settlements on the outskirts of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Bloemfontein, the project team works closely with a group of 25 trained Community Advocates, to conduct peer-education, community dialogues and door-to-door visits targeting almost 11,000 people to address toxic social norms embedded in the male-dominated culture of the areas. These sessions work

with men to achieve a positive change in male behaviours towards women and in men's readiness to act against GBV. Women's peer groups work to improve participants' awareness and knowledge about gender equality, women's rights, and how to assert and advocate for justice.

After just one year, the project is seeing encouraging signs that its community-based approach to tackling GBV is having a real impact. More than 4,000 community members have already taken part in community dialogues and training to improve their knowledge about issues around GBV, their rights, and their responsibilities.

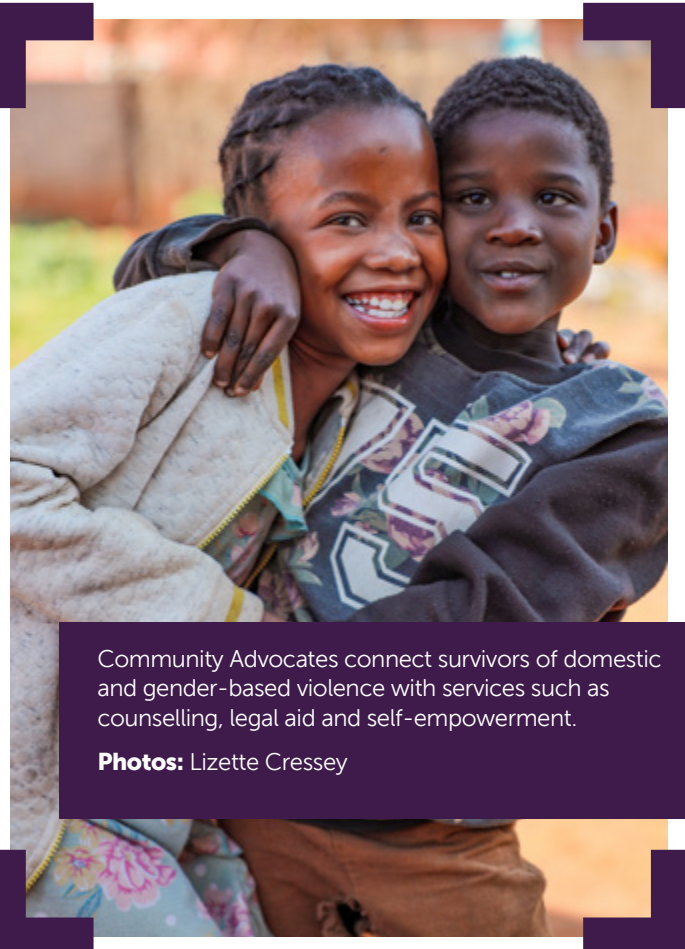
Throughout 2022, more than 450 abused women and disadvantaged people have been linked to essential services needed to address their life circumstances and reduce their vulnerability to further violence. Roughly three in five are members of vulnerable groups such as migrants and refugees, minors, people living with HIV, and the disabled.

**Department of Statistics Republic of South Africa, Statistical Release 2019*

***Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI), Report on "Informal Settlements and Human Rights in South Africa" 2018.*



Through peer-education, community dialogues and door-to-door visits the Community Advocates team of Orange Farm settlement target almost 11,000 people with anti-Gender Based Violence training and service connection for survivors.



Community Advocates connect survivors of domestic and gender-based violence with services such as counselling, legal aid and self-empowerment.

Photos: Lizette Cressey

Innovation and Learning Fund

2022: Advancing the rights of people with disabilities and the forcibly displaced

A key benefit of Misesan Cara membership is access to a global network of international development professionals steeped in the rich tradition and practice of missionary development. Our Innovation and Learning Fund provides members the opportunity to learn, adapt, and implement good practice from other members in the Misesan Cara network. Members also have the opportunity to try out new ideas of their own or adapt their own existing approaches in new, innovative ways.

Each year we identify a theme or themes that members may wish to address within their own projects, such as gender equality, climate resilience, or disability inclusion.

In 2022, the Innovation Fund had a human rights focus, supporting 15 projects from 11 members aimed at advancing the rights of people living with disabilities, or finding ways to promote the rights of people forcibly displaced from their homes and communities by war and conflict.

Working from guidelines within Misesan Cara's Disability Policy, members in Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana piloted new ways of increasing the inclusion of people with disabilities into their education projects by training teachers in disability support methods and addressing stigmas and attitudes of parents and caregivers about children with disabilities. Another project in Uganda used the Fund to conduct research and advocacy aimed at influencing national policy towards education for students with disabilities.

Children and youth forcibly displaced during conflict and crisis often suffer from lingering trauma, and several of our members used Innovation and Learning funding in 2022 to bolster supports for children living in temporary and uncertain accommodations, including projects in northern Nigeria, Venezuela, Zimbabwe and South Sudan.

€217,369

in funding supported:



15
projects



11
members



10
Countries



21,526
people targeted



Upholding children's right to play

■ Misesan Cara member

Salesians Don Bosco Ireland

■ Country

South Sudan

After the 2013 outbreak of civil war in South Sudan, the Salesians of Don Bosco established a resettlement camp for internally displaced people (IDPs) in Gumbo, eight kilometres from the capital, Juba. Internal conflicts and violence in the region have continued over the years and the camp is now home to almost 10,000 people, including 4,500 children and young people.

Life in the camp can be stressful and difficult for its youngest residents, many of whom live with the effects of trauma from their experiences fleeing violence.

Play and recreation are essential to the health and well-being of all children and promote the development of creativity, imagination, self-confidence, as well as physical, social, cognitive and emotional skills. In an effort to uphold the UN-ratified right of every child to engage in age-appropriate play and recreational activities*, the Salesians' 2022 right-to-play project provided opportunities for recreation and games

to more than 2,500 children who do not attend the camp's primary schools due to lack of space.

With support from the Misesan Cara Innovation and Learning Fund, the project was based on a similar project implemented in the Salesians' IDP camp in Palabek, Uganda. At Gumbo, the Salesians prepared a safe playground space in the camp community for children to play and interact without fear, and practice skills that promote their cognitive, emotional, physical, and social development. Psychological support and guidance are also provided to the children.

By bringing children from different backgrounds together to play, the project facilitated mutual understanding, acceptance and the chance for friendships to grow. Other activities promoted awareness about gender equality, peace building and conflict resolution, hygiene and how to care for the environment. As many children in the camp do not have the opportunity to study at home, some of the games were designed to help improve basic skills in reading and maths.

**According to Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified by the government of South Sudan in 2015), "Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts".*



Among the tens of thousands who have fled internal conflict in South Sudan are approximately 5,000 children now living at the Gumbo refugee resettlement camp. The right to play project facilitates recreation and normal childhood development through games, drama activities and play-based learning.

Photos: Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland

**Emergency Assistance
Total Budget:
€460,496**



Floods

South Sudan, Kenya, Pakistan, Madagascar, Nigeria and India



Typhoons

Philippines



Cyclones

Madagascar and Mozambique



War

Ukraine (and Poland/refugee support), Lebanon, Nigeria, Syria, Ethiopia, Uganda (refugees)



Cholera Outbreaks

Lebanon and Haiti

Emergency Assistance

In 2022, Misesan Cara supported **32 Emergency and Humanitarian Response projects** by **19 members** in **15 countries**, targeting **49,862 people**.

We make emergency funding available to our members to help them respond to sudden-onset emergencies, such as outbreaks of conflict and ever-increasing numbers of extreme weather events fuelled by climate-change including typhoons, cyclones and flooding.

Because of their local, long-term presence, missionaries are able to react swiftly in response to unforeseen events, using the emergency funding we provide to mobilise humanitarian relief and aid on a short-term basis, as communities emerge from the shock and start to rebuild or put in place longer-term responses.

Funding helps provide temporary shelter, medical supplies, blankets, and clothing and food baskets in the days and weeks following a catastrophe.

At the onset of the Russia and Ukraine conflict in early 2022, congregations already working with communities in Ukraine and Poland set to work immediately to support refugees crossing over into neighbouring countries, as well as those who stayed behind amidst the violence and destruction. Misesan Cara provided emergency funding to five members: the Redemptorists, the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Salvatorians, the Oblates and the Daughters of Charity, all of whom initiated relief efforts at the outbreak of the war.



In 2022, catastrophic flooding in Sindh left 1.2 million hectares of farmland under water and heavily damaged 1.5 million homes.

Emergency Assistance after extreme rains and flooding in Pakistan

■ Misesan Cara member

Columban Fathers

■ Country

Pakistan

In July and August of 2022, Pakistan experienced catastrophic flooding, the result of record monsoon rains totalling 392 millimetres (15.4 inches) during the two-month period. More than a third of the country was left under water and the lives of nearly 33 million people were thrown into crisis.

During a visit to assess damage from the floods, UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres commented "I have never seen climate carnage on the scale of the floods here in Pakistan. As our planet continues to warm, all countries will increasingly suffer losses and damage from climate beyond their capacity to adapt."

In Sindh province alone, the recorded rainfall during these two months was 466% above average. An estimated 1.5 million houses in the province were damaged or destroyed and 1.2 million hectares of agricultural land heavily flooded, causing concerns for food security and inflated prices in the following months.*

The Columban Fathers, who have been in Pakistan since 1979, immediately approached Misesan Cara for emergency funding to help 255 flood-affected families in their community. Families most in need were identified by the project team during village visits where they assessed conditions of homes, livestock and property loss, family size and risks to income and livelihoods.

With a base of trust and cooperation already in place the Columban Fathers were able quickly to mobilise resources to provide emergency assistance to hundreds in their local area. To meet the basic needs of food, water, shelter and hygiene, the Columbans leveraged local networks and suppliers to source tents, food, clean water, mosquito nets, and hygiene kits and worked with a corps of volunteers to set up and manage efficient distribution points. The Columban Fathers were able to reach 1,440 people with supplies and support.

The rehabilitation phase will be long in terms of rebuilding homes, restoring livelihoods, and rehabilitation of educational and health facilities.

**Report by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*



Emergency Assistance funds from Misesan Cara enabled the Columbans to distribute essential supplies of food, clean water, tents, mosquito netting and hygiene kits to thousands of stricken community members.

Photos: Columban Fathers

Accompanying our members

The idea of journeying together is central to missionary development work. Just as Misesan Cara's member organisations accompany communities on their way to a better life, we accompany our members and their project teams in the implementation of the projects that seek to make that better life a reality. These pages give a flavour of the different ways in which that accompaniment happens.

**Total Member Capacity
Development Spending:
€449,653**



€173,115

Human Resource Skills
Development



€233,401

Institutional Change and
Systems Development



€43,137

Organisational Strengthening

IMPACT*

4,014

individuals from 27 members in 23 countries took part in training for safeguarding, project and financial management, monitoring & evaluation, and fundraising

326

successfully strengthened strategies, policies and systems

**These figures represent a subset of results reported by our members in 2022 using funding allocated in 2021.*

Member Capacity Development

Having a quality team to implement a project is a key component in successful outcomes for the communities involved. We provide practical support aimed at strengthening member organisations and their ability to deliver effective projects. Our Member Capacity Development funding provides members with the resources to build their organisational capacity through formal training and skills development in areas such as human resource management, governance and oversight, and project cycle management, including monitoring and evaluation.

In 2022, Misesan Cara funded 19 members implementing 24 projects in 25 countries.

This funding is also focused on developing local capacity to manage development initiatives. Misesan Cara recognises the need to grow local leadership structures, and to assist our members in building skills and knowledge amongst their local counterparts in order to aid a smooth, effective transfer of organisational and project management.

Strengthening Organisational Capacity Through Training

■ Miseen Cara member

Salvatorian Office for International Aid (SOFIA)

■ Country

Multi-country

The Salvatorian Office for International Aid (SOFIA) was established in 2008 as the development project coordinating office for the Society of the Divine Saviour, a Miseen Cara member. Responding to the need for training for those involved in the management of missionary development projects, over the past ten years SOFIA has trained more than 350 project personnel from 35 countries. In partnership with SOFIA, we have funded the participation of many of our members in these courses. In 2022, 19 staff from Miseen Cara member organisations took part in fundraising and/or monitoring and evaluation training (9 in fundraising, 10 in monitoring and evaluation).

The week-long workshops offer comprehensive training on project management so that participants are better able to gather data, identify needs and plan effective projects. Emphasis is also placed on project implementation, including monitoring, evaluation and reporting. The workshops enhance the skills of project personnel to bring about greater impact in the communities they serve.

After the training every year, SOFIA follows up with the Miseen Cara members who participate to learn more about the impact of the training on their management of projects. This enables Miseen Cara to gain insights into how members apply their learning in developing new funding proposals as well as for developing monitoring and evaluation systems to strengthen the approach, impact and sustainability of their projects.



At week-long capacity development workshops hosted by SOFIA, staff from Miseen Cara's members and their project teams train on all aspects of project management, ultimately strengthening the impact their projects will have in the future.

Photos: Salvatorian Office for International Aid (SOFIA)



Accompanying our members

Project Monitoring, Evaluation and Research

Visiting our members' projects first-hand affords us the opportunity to accompany, observe and monitor the valuable work being done by our members and to meet the people who are at the centre of their efforts. With the easing of COVID-related travel restrictions last year, we visited 31 projects in person, in six countries. We also continued our "virtual visits" to projects where security or cost considerations prohibited a physical visit. Twenty-three projects in 14 countries were monitored in this way. Our own project engagements complement those done by our members, who monitored a total of 155 projects during the year.

Research

In addition to bringing real change to communities around the world, our members' projects are also rich sources of learning. Every year, we commission evaluation and research work to identify knowledge and experience that we can then share with all of our members and with the broader development community. In 2022, for example, we engaged experts from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to examine the impact that COVID-19 had on the provision of services in seven health facilities in Tanzania and Kenya. The research found that the relationship of trust between the health facility staff and the local communities, built up over many years, was a key factor in addressing the myths and misinformation that circulated at the outset of the pandemic. The lessons gathered from the research were presented at the annual conference of the Irish Global Health Forum and were subsequently published on the Health Services Learning Hub of the World Health Organisation.

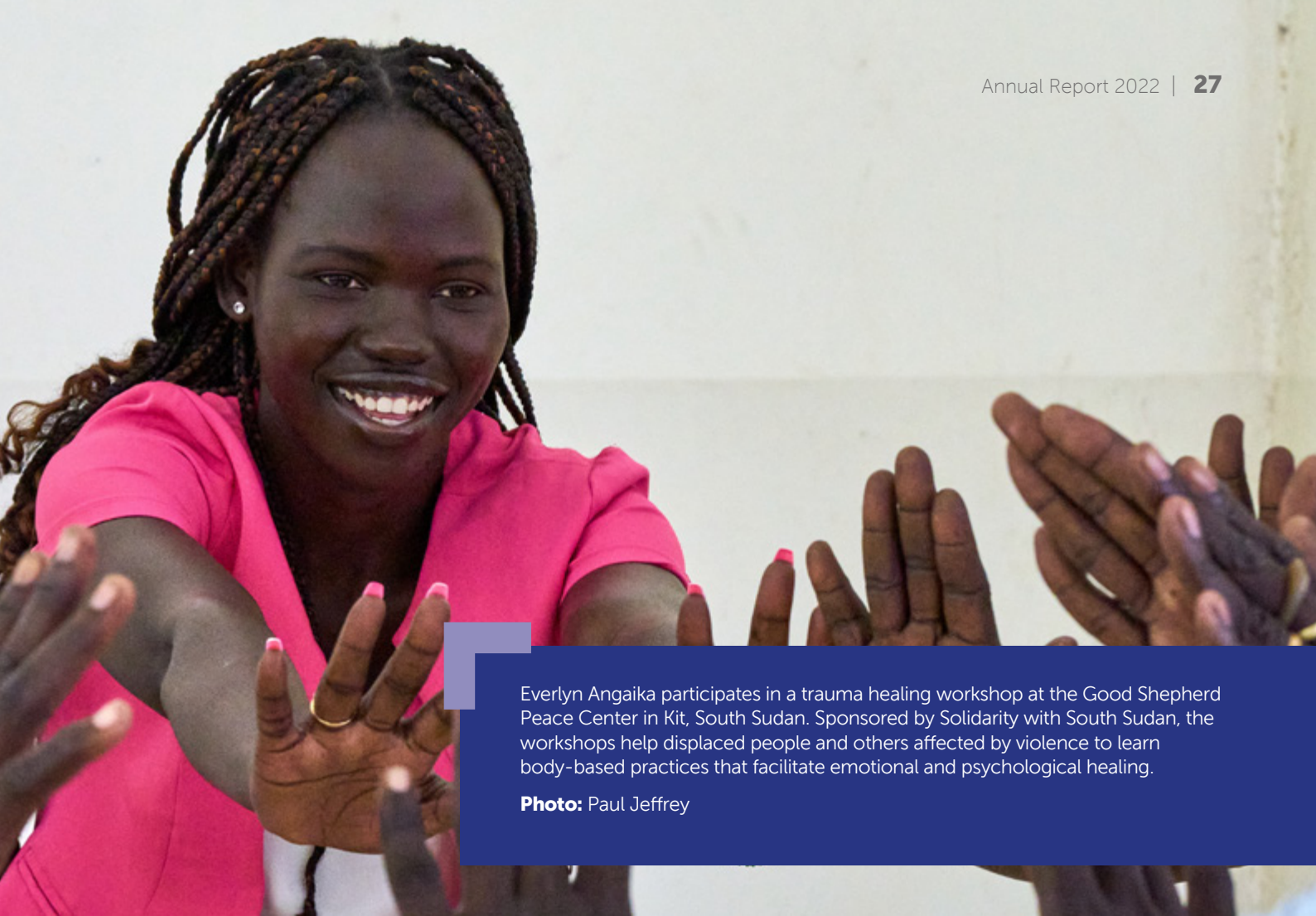
Meeting the Needs of South Sudan

Solidarity with South Sudan is an initiative of over 260 religious congregations, private donors and international agencies, set up in 2008 to address some of the many challenges facing Africa's newest country, which came into being in 2011. Solidarity focuses on the training of teachers and health personnel, agricultural development and the provision of supports to communities that have been affected by decades of conflict, displacement and natural disaster. Misesan Cara has been supporting this work since 2012 and, in 2022, we collaborated with Solidarity in an in-depth review to assess the continuing relevance of its activities. The review found that the programmes in teacher training, health personnel training, agricultural development and community support are making a real contribution to the long-term development of the country. The final report identified a need and an opportunity to provide in-service training of teachers with a particular focus on early childhood development. Among the many issues to be addressed in relation to gender equality, early marriage was highlighted as a major impediment to the rights of girls to receive a full education and pursue a career.



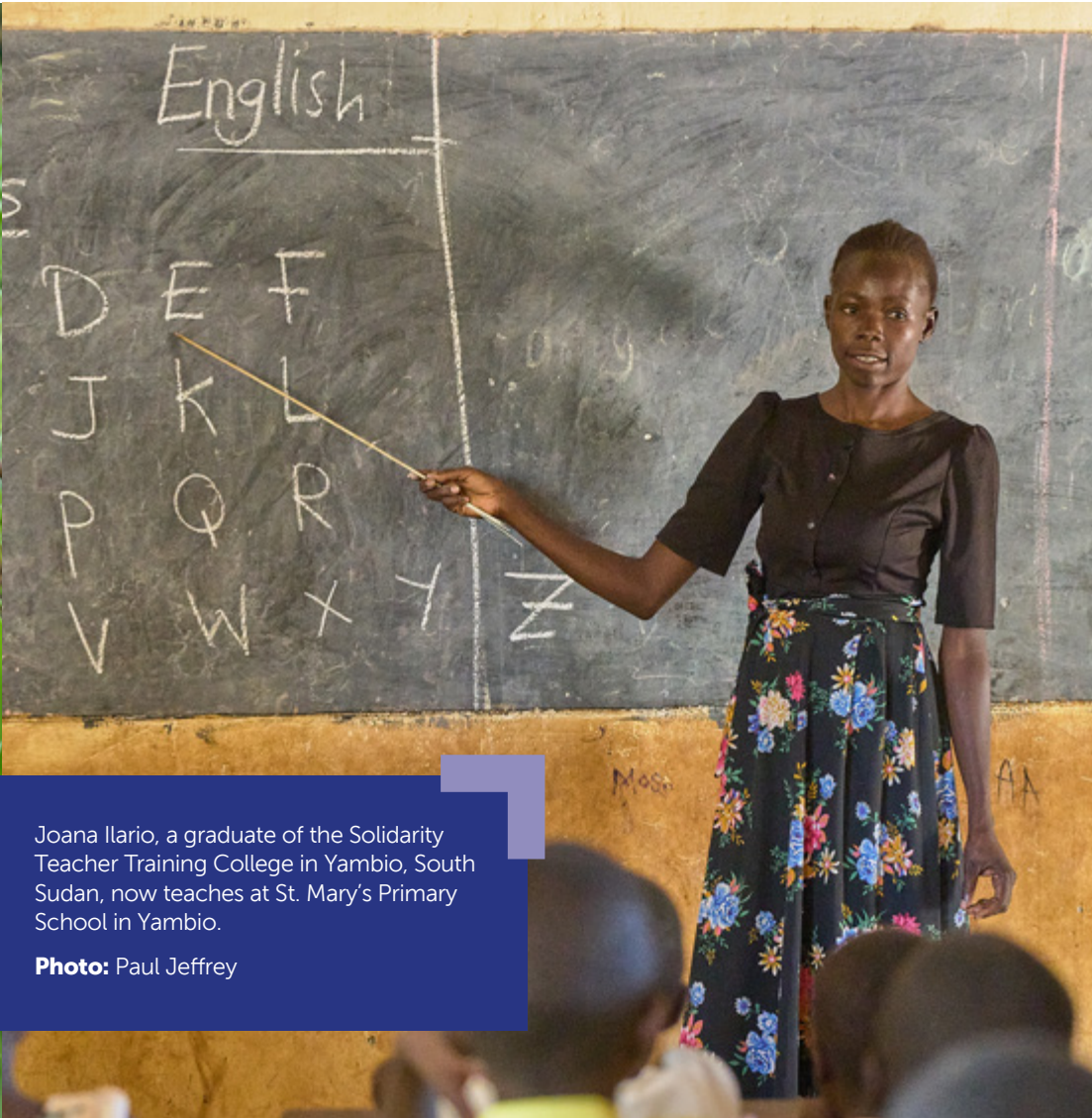
Along with teacher Emanuel Patrick from the Sustainable Agricultural Project of Solidarity with South Sudan, students from St. Dominic Savio Primary School in Riimenze weed a school garden that grows food for the school's lunch programme.

Photo: Paul Jeffrey



Everlyn Angaika participates in a trauma healing workshop at the Good Shepherd Peace Center in Kit, South Sudan. Sponsored by Solidarity with South Sudan, the workshops help displaced people and others affected by violence to learn body-based practices that facilitate emotional and psychological healing.

Photo: Paul Jeffrey



Joana Ilario, a graduate of the Solidarity Teacher Training College in Yambio, South Sudan, now teaches at St. Mary's Primary School in Yambio.

Photo: Paul Jeffrey

Accompanying our members

2022 Mentor Support



187
Projects



33
Countries



48
Members



828
individual team members
received on-site and
remote support

Type of Support and Time Allocated



41%
Project Planning and
Proposal Design



17%
Implementation
Support



17%
Reporting
Support

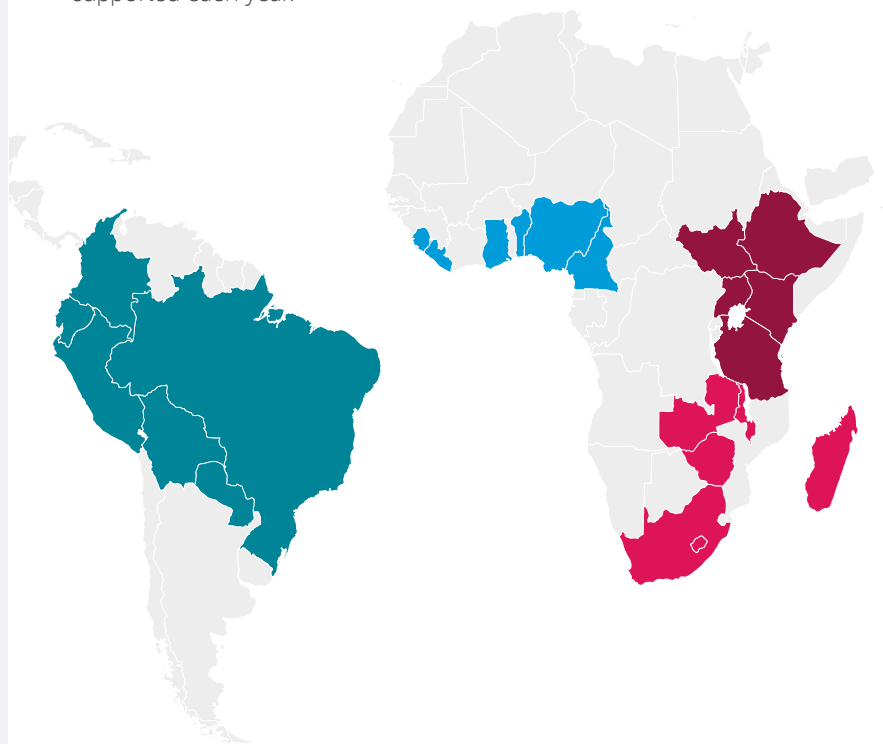


25%
Reinforcing
Sustainability

Mentorship Programme

Set up in 2014, our mentorship programme is a key element in the accompaniment we provide to project teams around the world. Our four regionally-based mentors are independent consultants with many years of experience in project planning and implementation. They work closely with project teams, visit project locations and advise on the various aspects of project management from the initial planning stages to final reporting and evaluation. Often, a mentor will bring together a number of different project teams working on similar projects to share their experience. For example, in 2022, our Latin America mentor gathered project teams working in education in Peru, to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 lockdowns on students, while a member meeting was held in South Africa that brought together project teams from South Africa, Namibia and Lesotho.

In 2022, we carried out an external review of the mentorship programme, which found that the programme is and will remain “highly relevant to the organisation in both strategic and operational terms”. The review revealed a high level of uptake of mentorship services on the part of our members, with 74 members availing of support in the period 2018-2021, and an average of 231 projects supported each year.



Region/Mentor

Latin America, based in Peru

East Africa, based in Kenya

Southern Africa, based in Zambia

West Africa, based in Ghana

Principal Countries supported

Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru

Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Benin, Cameroon, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone

Member: Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Country: Zambia

Eleven-year-old Edith Namanda was diagnosed in primary school as both hearing and sight impaired, a condition known as deafblindness. Since 2019, she has been enrolled at the Bauleni Special Needs Project and School (BSNP) in Lusaka, Zambia. The BSNP, which opened its doors in 1996, is recognised as a Centre of Excellence for inclusive, special needs education in Zambia and is the only school in the country to provide education and support to children who have deafblindness. While at BSNP, Edith has developed the ability to communicate using sign language and is learning how to write. Bauleni is a poor, densely populated area of Lusaka where few other schools provide education or support options for the many disabled, orphaned and vulnerable children who live there. "We are welcoming to all children and our work makes a big difference in their lives," says BSNP Director Sr. Yvonne Mwalula Mwila of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary.

Photo: Moses Mtonga



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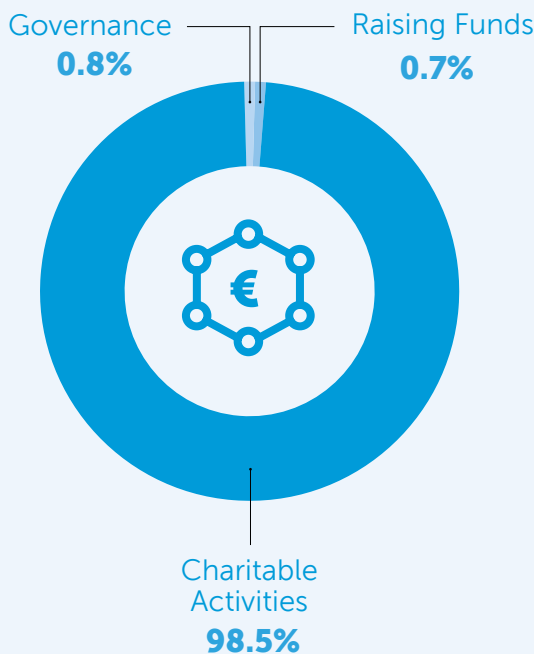


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Our spending breakdown 2022



Public Engagement and Funding

Increasing Misean Cara’s profile in Ireland and beyond and building a solid base of support for the missionary approach to development are key objectives within our 2022 -2026 organisational strategy. We strive to engage our public audiences with compelling content about the impact and contributions of Irish missionaries, and the support that Misean Cara provides to making this happen.

In 2022 we increased our activities and public engagement across traditional and digital channels. Working with our members we identified and shared stories of how their projects reached the furthest behind and helped people empower and transform their lives.

Each year in partnership with MISSIO Ireland and AMRI, Misean Cara plans a live TV broadcast of Mass on World Mission Sunday, which in 2022 garnered 36,000 viewers in Ireland and abroad. We also launched a new website in 2022, which has helped us realise a 35% increase in web traffic over the previous year and which will provide an effective and engaging platform in future for sharing content with our key audiences.

Funding Our Work

Irish Aid

Since our founding in 2004, the majority of the funding we allocate to our members’ projects has been provided to us by Irish Aid, the Irish government’s programme for overseas development. In 2022, that figure represented €15.5m. We continue to be extremely grateful for this generous support from Irish Aid and the Irish people.



Funding Diversification

We recognise the importance of having a diverse portfolio of funding sources for the future, and in 2022 continued to generate new sources of income including the successful introduction of an annual membership contribution scheme, which generated just over €300,000 in additional income.

Focus was also placed on strengthening existing partnerships and establishing relationships with new funders. A particular focus for Misean Cara is grants from overseas funding bodies, which enables us to avoid competing with members for funding within Ireland. Under a three-year agreement, the US-based GHR Foundation provided €207,392 for the care of children in projects in India, Kenya and Zambia, in addition to a further €44,500 in emergency funding to support members’ helping people impacted by the war in Ukraine. ESB Electric Aid supported the Mutito Health Dispensary in Kenya with €9,592 and provided a further €9,812 to help tea-workers and their families in India. Americares continued supporting members’ COVID-19 response in Southern Africa, providing a total of €39,985 to four projects and provided benefit in kind through online training on COVID-19 variants, vaccines and other updates to frontline staff. In late 2022, a Legacy Giving Campaign was introduced, an area of giving that we hope to grow in the future.

Misean Cara Advocacy

In alignment with our strategic goal to uphold human rights for those who do not have the means or access to do so for themselves, Misean Cara each year works with its members to elevate a range of human rights issues through advocacy channels at local, national, and international levels. In 2022, we undertook advocacy initiatives in support of development issues including climate justice and finance; and promotion of faith-based actors in providing quality education.

Advocacy and Human Rights events in 2022

We are committed to elevating awareness of the root causes of inequality and justice and promoting solutions arising from missionary development practice. To support this, we highlighted Misean Cara research and project-based findings at the following events in 2022:

RCSI/IGHN Research and Conference

In 2022, Misean Cara commissioned the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) in Ireland to carry out research at seven health facilities run by five members in Tanzania and Kenya. The results of the research, *Trust in a Time of Crisis*, were co-presented at the annual conference of the Irish Global Health Network in October, by Misean Cara Health Officer, Niamh Caffrey and Dr Jakub Gajewski, RCSI.

The research found that, after an initial period of adjustment, essential services such as mother-and-child clinics were able to continue, due to the trust that communities had in the facilities and their staff. The flexibility to reallocate funding towards infection prevention and control was also important, so that staff could protect themselves and patients while staying open.

International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD)

In September, Misean Cara had a poster presentation on the theme 'Seeking to Serve: how missionaries do development differently' featured at the International Conference on Sustainable Development.

Protecting Dignity and Human Rights in the Face of Trafficking

In December, Misean Cara organised a seminar on protecting Dignity and Human Rights in the face of Human Trafficking, which brought together international advocates and speakers from grassroots missionary projects all focused on human trafficking prevention and protection.

Country: Solomon Islands

A project team from Franciscans International on a recent advocacy fact-finding mission to the Solomon Islands. The Franciscans joined forces with the Dominicans for Justice and Peace and other missionary development actors, to meet with local communities and document the adverse effects of commercial logging - including pollution of waterways, deforestation, and coral reef destruction - and determine the next steps in terms of advocacy and awareness-raising. "The recent mission deepened our understanding of the issues at stake for affected communities and ensured that we have the necessary information to continue to build pressure both at the national level and at the United Nations."

- Br. Christopher John, Minister General of the Anglican Society of Saint Francis

Member: Franciscan Missionary Union / Franciscans International

Photo: Franciscans International



Governance & Audit

Misean Cara's Board of Directors 2022

Kevin Carroll was appointed to the Misean Cara Board in 2019 and elected Chairperson on 23 June 2021. In 2022 he served on the Governance Committee. 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 and Trade 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. (Attended 7 of the 7 Board meetings he was eligible to attend.)

Sr. Josephine McCarthy, a Presentation Sister who has spent over 20 years in Ecuador and Peru, joined the Board in 2018 and currently serves as Vice Chair (appointed 23 June 2021). She serves as Vice Chair of the Governance and Safeguarding Committees. 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. (7/7)

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 and is Chairperson of Programmes Oversight Committee. (7/7)

Marie Mulvey joined the Board in 2020. In 2022 she served on the Governance Committee. Marie 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. (4/7)

Charlie Lamson joined the Board in 2020 and serves as the Chairperson of the Fundraising Committee. He has over 20 years of experience as a not-for-profit leader and fundraising professional in the US and Ireland, and currently serves as the Head of Fundraising for the Irish Red Cross. 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. (5/7)

Sr. Franca Onyibor is a Missionary Sister of the Holy Rosary, with over 20 years of mission experience in Zambia and Nigeria, pioneering education and social transformation programmes for students and teachers. 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. (4/7)

Fr. Seamus O'Neill joined St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan in 1967 and was ordained as a priest in 1974. He has worked extensively 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 and later taught philosophy and directed the congregation's Student Formation Programme in Ireland. 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 is the Chair of the Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee. (6/7)

Sandra Neville joined the Misean Cara Board in June 2021 and serves as the Chairperson of the Safeguarding Committee. Though she has a background in nursing and midwifery, since 2007 Sandra has worked primarily in the area of safeguarding, serving in a Diocesan setting and more recently with various religious congregations and societies. She was also the Safeguarding Advisor for Misean 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. (5/7)

Judge 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 in Dublin and Meath. He studied law at UCD and in the Netherlands. 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 Misean Cara, Patrick is also currently a member of the Board of the Adoption Authority of Ireland and is a lecturer in the Law Society. (3/7)

Two members left the Board in 2022

Larry O’Loughlin joined the Board in 2018 and also served as Chairperson of the Programmes Oversight Committee. He retired from the Board in June 2022. (3/3)

Dr. Lancelot O’Brien, who joined the Board in December of 2021, resigned in October 2022. (3/7)

Sub-Committees of the Board

The Board has delegated some of its specific functions to standing committees which undertake detailed oversight in accordance with agreed terms of reference set out in the Governance Manual. At the board meeting in February 2022, Fundraising and Safeguarding sub-Committees were established with the former Safeguarding Advisory Committee becoming a sub-Committee of the board. At 31 December 2022, there were five sub-committees of the Board:

- **The Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee (FORAC)** is responsible for monitoring and assessing Misean 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 meets at least four times per annum but may meet more often if an issue of importance arises upon which the Board requires advice. The Committee met four times during 2022.
- **The Governance Committee** is responsible for overseeing that Misean Cara has sufficient resources and the correct skills and expertise in place to achieve its strategic objectives and mission, as well as managing risk, including reviewing the governance arrangements of the organisation, the nomination process for Directors, and for providing the Board with advice on matters related to human resources. The committee comprises four Directors and two external experts in governance and HR. The Committee met on four occasions in 2022. The Company Secretary acts as secretary to the committee.
- **The Fundraising Committee** oversees and supports the strategy to diversify and increase funding and advises on the sources of prospective donations and fundraising activities within Misean Cara. It comprises three members. One Board Member retired in June 2022 and was replaced by another member who unforeseeably had to resign in 2022. The Committee will be back to full complement in 2023. The Committee formally met twice throughout 2022.
- **The Programmes Oversight Committee (POC)** 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. At year end, it comprised two Directors and four external individuals with relevant expertise. The committee met three times during 2022. The Project Funding Manager acts as secretary to the committee.
- **The Safeguarding Committee** is responsible for overseeing and assuring that Misean Cara has adequate policies in place for Safeguarding and the prevention of sexual exploitation abuse and harassment. These responsibilities include the oversight of the development and implementation of the safeguarding policy in line with good development practice and regulatory requirements, advising the CEO and Safeguarding Advisor on emerging best practice. The committee comprises two Directors and two external experts. The committee met on four occasions in 2022.

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 relevant skills and expertise on each of these committees ensures that quality advice and guidance are available to the Board for prudent decision making.

Policies for inducting and training new board members

In line with the Governance Manual, Directors are appointed pursuant to formal letters of appointment detailing key terms and conditions and are required to sign a statement of acceptance of these. On appointment, Directors receive the necessary induction, training and ongoing support required to discharge their duties and exercise their responsibilities to maximum effectiveness, facilitated by the Company Secretary.

Decision-making and management

The Directors have approved a detailed Governance Manual that sets out the division of responsibilities between the Board and management, and is aligned with the Governance Code for the Community, Voluntary and Charitable Sector. The Directors have appointed the Chief Executive Officer and have delegated operational decision making powers to the CEO and the management team. The CEO provides a management report to the Directors at each meeting of the Board, setting out progress on the achievement of strategic objectives.

Directors' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law, the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102) for charities and the Companies Act 2014. Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

Risk Management

The organisational risk register underwent its formal annual review and was approved by the Board in September 2022 using a Red/Amber/Green rating scheme. 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.

Safeguarding

The organisational safeguarding policy and procedures were reviewed and updated in line with current legislation, the Dóchas Safeguarding Code, and international best practice. Since 2021, members are required to submit a standardised Misean Cara 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).

Company Information

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Board of Directors

Mr. Kevin Carroll – Chairperson
 Sr. Josephine McCarthy PBVM – Vice-Chairperson
 Fr. Seamus O’Neill SPS
 Judge Patrick McMahon
 Mr. Charles Lamson
 Ms. Sandra Neville
 Dr. Pauline Faughnan
 Mr. Larry O’Loughlin (retired on 22 June 2022)
 Sr. Franca Onyibor MSHR
 Ms. Marie Mulvey
 Dr. Lancelot O’Brien (resigned on 11 October 2022)

Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee

Fr. Seamus O’Neill, SPS – Chairperson
 Mr. Charles Lamson – Vice Chairperson
 Mr. Donal Murray (resigned 1 October 2022)
 Mr. John Gavigan
 Mr. Paolo Camisassa
 Ms. Vanessa Duffy

Governance Committee

Judge Patrick McMahon – Chairperson
 Sr. Josephine McCarthy PBVM – Vice Chairperson
 Mr. Kevin Carroll
 Prof. Gerry Whyte
 Ms. Marie Mulvey
 Mr. Edward Keane (appointed 17 August 2021)

Programmes Oversight Committee

Dr. Pauline Faughnan – Chairperson
 Mr. Larry O’Loughlin (retired on 22 June 2022)
 Dr. Lancelot O’Brien (resigned on 11 October 2022)
 Ms. Helen Breen
 Sr. Maura Clerkin SSL
 Ms. Sulagna Mitra
 Mr. Kevin Carroll (appointed on 23 November 2022)
 Mr. Donal Murray (appointed on 14 December 2022)

Safeguarding Committee

Ms. Sandra Neville – Chairperson
 Sr. Josephine McCarthy PBVM – Vice Chairperson (appointed on 17 October 2022)
 Br. Placido Kaburu, Patrician Brothers
 Ms. Bernadette Casey

Fundraising Committee

Mr. Charles Lamson – Chairperson
 Ms. Miriam Enright
 Mr. Larry O’Loughlin (retired on 22 June 2022)

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

€16,052,643

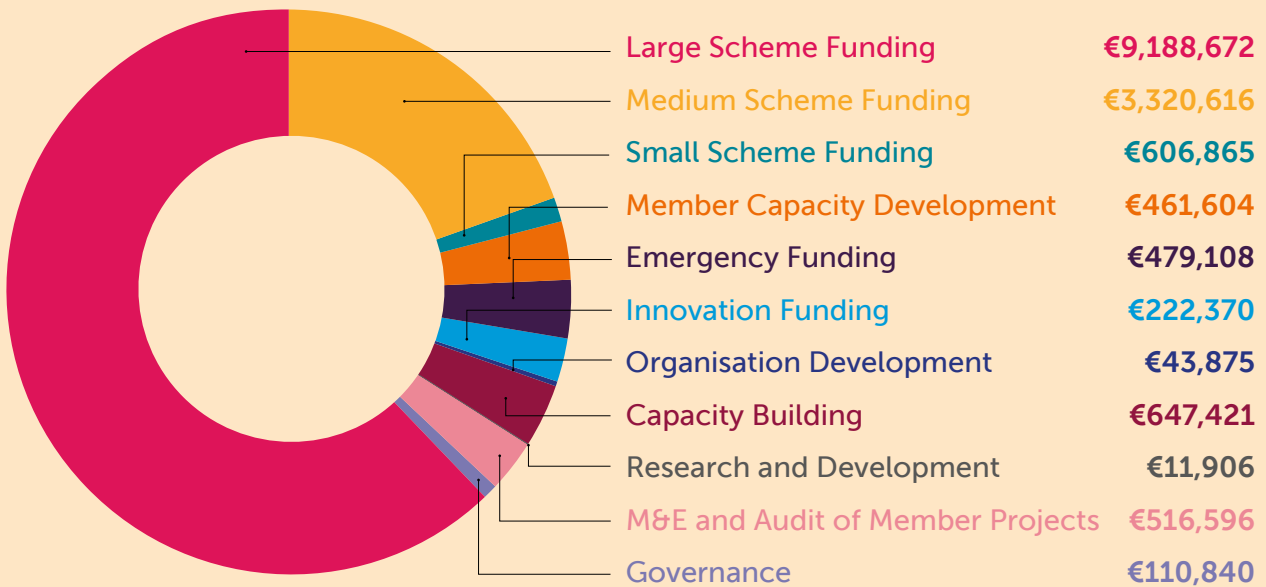
Total Expenditure

€15,735,681

Expenditure on Raising Funds
€125,808

Expenditure on Charitable Activities
€15,609,873

Breakdown of Funds



Directors' Responsibilities Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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:

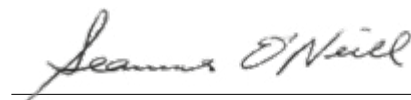
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect 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: 25 May 2023

Independent Auditors' Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF MISEAN CARA

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Miseen Cara (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 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 2022 and of its surplus 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: 25 May 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Restricted funds 2022 €	Unrestricted funds 2022 €	Total funds 2022 €	Total funds 2021 €
INCOME FROM:				
Charitable activities	14,817,386	1,233,450	16,050,836	15,812,701
Other income	-	1,807	1,807	6,819
TOTAL INCOME	14,817,386	1,235,257	16,052,643	15,819,520
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	7,091	118,717	125,808	112,991
Charitable activities	14,906,650	703,223	15,609,873	15,721,431
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,913,741	821,940	15,735,681	15,834,422
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(96,355)	413,317	316,962	(14,902)
Transfer between funds	9,780	(9,780)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(86,575)	403,537	316,962	(14,902)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward	86,575	1,571,118	1,657,693	1,672,595
Net movement in funds	(86,575)	403,537	316,962	(14,902)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	-	1,974,655	1,974,655	1,657,693

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

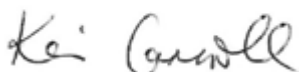
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Balance Sheet

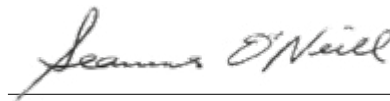
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	€	2022 €	€	2021 €
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	22		51,023		53,126
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	23	41,938		52,665	
Cash at bank and in hand	28	9,215,742		8,787,258	
		9,257,680		8,839,923	
CREDITORS:					
amounts falling due within one year	24	(7,334,048)		(7,235,356)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			1,923,632		1,604,567
TOTAL NET ASSETS					
			1,974,655		1,657,693
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	25		-		86,575
Unrestricted funds	25		1,974,655		1,571,118
TOTAL FUNDS					
	25		1,974,655		1,657,693

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: 25 May 2023

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

Statement of Cash Flows

FOR AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 €	2021 €
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>464,350</u>	<u>799,931</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	<u>(35,866)</u>	<u>(30,467)</u>
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(35,866)</u>	<u>(30,467)</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	428,484	769,464
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>8,787,258</u>	<u>8,017,794</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	<u><u>9,215,742</u></u>	<u><u>8,787,258</u></u>

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

Misean Cara Members, 2022

Augustinian Fathers
 Capuchin Order
 Carmelites (OCD)
 Church Mission Society Ireland
 Cistercians
 Comboni Missionaries of The Sacred Heart of Jesus –
 withdrew on 20/07/2022
 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 – withdrew on
 11/08/2022
 Daughters of the Holy Spirit
 De La Salle Brothers
 Dominican Fathers – withdrew on 02/08/2022
 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 – withdrew on
 02/08/2022
 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 – withdrew on 30/07/2022
 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 – withdrew on 30/08/2022
 Pallottine Fathers – withdrew on 02/08/2022
 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 – withdrew on 02/08/2022
 Saint Patrick's Missionary Society
 Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland
 Salesian Sisters
 Servites
 Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris – withdrew on 20/07/2022
 Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of the Incarnate Word
 Sisters of Nazareth – withdrew on 10/08/2022
 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





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Country: South Sudan

At the St. Daniel Comboni Hospital in Wau,
South Sudan, midwife Roseline Edwards Anthony
examines Chan and Noor, the newborn twin sons
of mother Alek Kual. Roseline is a graduate of the
Catholic Health Training Institute, run by Solidarity
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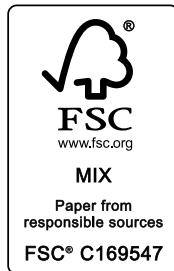
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