

ANNUAL REPORT 2020


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Welcome to the 2020 Annual Report of Misean Cara. We are a vibrant missionary membership organisation working at the forefront of long-term development and humanitarian work in the Global South.

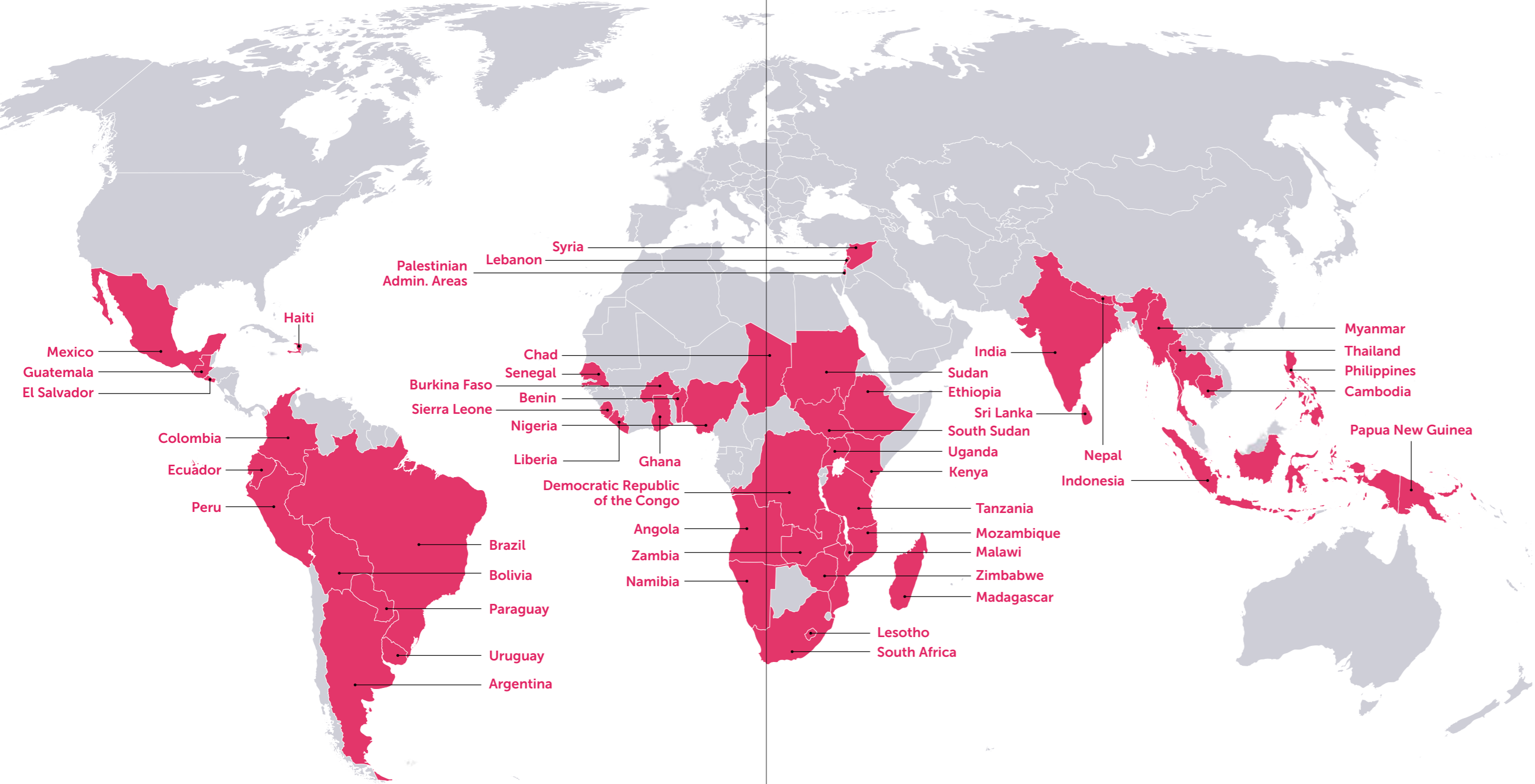
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In Johannesburg, South Africa, the Three2Six Refugee Children's Education Project (a Marist project) provides afternoon bridging education for refugee and migrant children to prepare them to enter public schools. During the COVID-19 lockdown, children received lessons and homework through weekly broadcasts on a Catholic radio station and on WhatsApp. To catch students up on missed learning after they returned, older students such as Ayanda, aged 10, attended outdoor educational and activity camps.

Photo:
Lizette Cressey

In 2020, our members worked **around the globe.**



Misean Cara at a Glance

In 2020, we supported **384 projects** in **51 countries** reaching almost **1.87 million people**. These projects were worth **€13.7m** and were implemented by **51 members**.

Education

€4,725,024 allocated	99 projects	34 members 35 countries	255,106 people
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Health

€3,101,866 allocated	53 projects	28 members 16 countries	643,228 people
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Sustainable Livelihoods

€1,853,234 allocated	41 projects	20 members 15 countries	68,245 people
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Human Rights

€2,064,699 allocated	40 projects	23 members 25 countries	289,787 people
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Humanitarian Response

€1,450,278 allocated	116 projects	35 members 31 countries	577,068 people
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Innovation Fund

€120,411 allocated	13 projects	13 members 12 countries	53,068 people
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Member Capacity Development

€415,047 allocated	22 projects	17 members 14 countries	
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Missionaries are Making a Difference

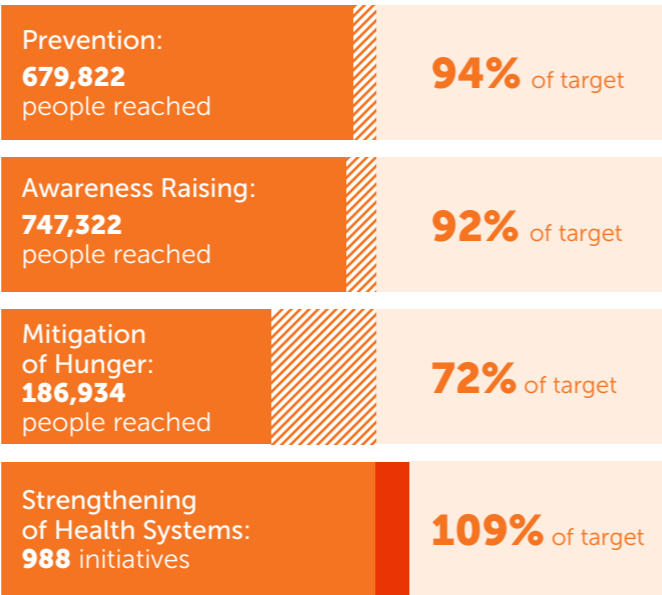
How we measure impact

The work our members do has a very real impact on the lives of vulnerable people and communities around the world. From delivering quality education that can transform the lives of girls in South Sudan to helping unemployed young people in Zambia access skills training and get a decent job or working with whole villages to overcome the devastating effects of cyclones in India, we are proud of our members' work and the difference they are making.





We measure the performance of our members' projects in each of the five sectors we fund (education, health, livelihoods, human rights and member capacity development). We then use standardised indicators to demonstrate the impact that our members' projects achieve across the world. A representation of the impact achieved in each sector is shown on the opposite page.

In 2020, we introduced additional indicators for the results of the COVID-19 interventions our members put in place, measuring the number of people helped by initiatives aimed at preventing the spread of the virus; the total number of people reached through COVID-19 awareness raising activities; and how many people benefitted from emergency food supplies and improvements to health care systems.

Using these four indicators, **39 members** reported the following success rates **across all 175 COVID-19 intervention projects** they conducted in **33 countries**:



Our members carried out a range of COVID-19 prevention activities, including:

-  **74,812** masks distributed
-  **26,643** announcements through public address systems
-  Food support to **186,934 people**
-  **229, 217** COVID-19 screenings

Our Impact in 2020

Due to the rhythm of funding and reporting cycles, it takes time to gather results information from our projects around the world. On this page, we summarise results reported by members in 2020, using funding allocated in 2019 through two of our funding schemes. The figures represent a subset of the overall achievements using funding allocated in 2019.

Education		
64,102 people were able to access improved education	< 3% drop-out rate in education projects run by Misesan Cara members	1,312 Contributions to the strengthening of educational systems at local, regional or national levels, including in-service teacher training, infrastructural developments, and contributing to national level research
Health		
677,145 individuals benefitted from improved health outcomes	65,338 perinatal women and infants received quality healthcare	733 contributions to health system strengthening, e.g. the pre-service and in-service training of health personnel
Sustainable Livelihoods		
224,114 people improved their livelihoods	Over 240,000 people achieved greater food and nutrition security	3,215 contributions made to promote green, low-emission and climate resilient practices and policies, e.g. limiting greenhouse gas emissions, promoting heat- and drought-resistant crops, and increasing community resilience to climate change
Human Rights		
Over 400,000 people participated in awareness-raising programmes on human rights and used their training to carry out 5,500 initiatives to assert their rights	Over 65,000 people accessed justice and legal support, including 4,500 victims of severe human rights violations who received shelter and psychological support	202 changes in policies and laws leading to improved access to social services, legal documentation, and changes in duty bearers' knowledge of legal obligations
Member Capacity Development		
3,428 individuals from 36 members benefitted from capacity development support	204 member organisational systems were strengthened and new strategies put in place	

Foreword by the Chairperson

As you open the pages of our 2020 Annual Report, you will read a lot about the impact of COVID-19 on the work of our members, but also about the many swift, vigilant and practical ways they adapted their development projects to the urgent requirements of the global health crisis.

Living within the very communities they serve, missionaries were able to quickly identify pandemic-related challenges and responded to help slow the spread of the virus, distribute vital food aid in the face of pandemic-related hunger, and overcome obstacles to ensuring education during lockdown, especially for vulnerable girls.

Despite the challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, as an organisation we accomplished a great many initiatives in 2020 that furthered our purpose to enable life-transforming missionary development work. Thanks to Irish Aid and other donors, we helped fund 384 projects in 51 countries.

In April 2020, we welcomed a new CEO, John Moffett, who has just completed his first year with Misesan Cara. I would like to congratulate John on this anniversary. With his steady, incisive and encouraging leadership he has done an outstanding job guiding the staff and membership through the constant, turbulent change that has been a hallmark of the pandemic. Thank you also to the Misesan Cara staff for your commitment, flexibility and hard work throughout the year.

Important work was started in 2020 by a working group of the Board to explore and envision the future purpose of Misesan Cara by reflecting on how our members are adapting their organisations and development work as the number of Irish missionaries overseas reduces. This work will continue in 2021 culminating in a new five-year strategy for the organisation that will launch in 2022.

The Board has also been overseeing the follow-up of recommendations from an organisational audit commissioned by Irish Aid in 2019. The audit report provided recommendations related to governance, financial systems and procedures, project funding, ICT and fundraising. The Board and staff of Misesan Cara have been steadily making progress to ensure that appropriate action is taken to address the recommendations, which will serve to strengthen the organisation for the future.

While the past year has been challenging for most, I would like to acknowledge the particularly difficult year that was had by several Misesan Cara members who lost retired and active missionaries to COVID-19. Fr. Brendan Carr, Vice-Chair of the Misesan Cara Board, and a member of the Spiritans, commented in a recent reflection to members, "These remarkable men and women of many congregations, including my own, laid foundations for the solidarity between so many developing nations and our new emerging nation. Their work fed into the overseas development policies of the Irish government resulting in the establishment of diplomatic relationships, the beginning of bilateral aid, the founding of APSO and eventually of Irish Aid and Misesan Cara."

Lastly, as of the 2021 AGM meeting in June, I will officially step down from the Misesan Cara Board of Directors and my role as Chairperson. Throughout my six-year tenure with Misesan Cara, I have had the good fortune to collaborate with many talented, dedicated staff and fellow Board members as we supported the work of Misesan Cara. I wish to give a special thanks to all Misesan Cara members and their partner organisations for their work to uphold the right to education, health, livelihoods, and human rights for people in some of the most impoverished and disadvantaged parts of the world. Their inspiring ability to build relationships of trust and their long-term commitment to see out real change, is what brings hope and transformation to the lives of so many.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this endeavour.

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Justin Kilcullen
Chairperson

Overview by the CEO

By any measure, 2020 was an extraordinary year. I joined Misesan Cara in April of last year, shortly after the lockdown had been announced and we knew very little about what to expect in the coming months.

One of my first tasks was to assess how best to facilitate continued collaboration between Misesan Cara staff and our members, as we settled into remote working. I commend all our staff and members for their resilience and 'can-do' attitude, adapting so quickly to new ways of working. It was a year of working apart, but much was accomplished through a strong spirit of real collaboration in a virtual space.

Throughout the uncertainty and difficulties of the pandemic our members forged on, implementing 384 projects aimed at bringing positive and lasting change to the lives of 1.87 million people around the world through improved education, health, livelihoods, human rights and emergency and humanitarian response. Whenever and wherever possible they continued with their planned projects or adapted them to work around lockdowns and restrictions, and often shifted focus to provide extra support to communities suffering from the impact of the pandemic. Members allocated funds to COVID-19 needs, whether it was Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), emergency food support for the poor, or information campaigns to help dispel myths about the virus and educate people on safety and hygiene during the pandemic. Their work in 2020 was carried out in 51 countries with Misesan Cara funding totalling €13.7 million.

Thanks to Zoom we increased the number of member meetings with participants joining us from around the world - an option that isn't available when these events are held in person.

Visiting members' projects to monitor progress is an essential component of Misesan Cara's accompaniment model. Specific audit-focused project visits are another important aspect of our accountability agenda. With international travel effectively suspended in 2020, we developed fully distanced monitoring and auditing systems that have been very successful, even allowing us to observe some projects that due to security concerns we might not in the past have been able to travel to.

We took the Missionary Approach to Development Interventions (MADI) concept forward through new research into the specific aspects of the missionary development model that make it so uniquely positioned to reach those who are furthest behind.

Our Innovation Fund continued in 2020 with a focus on transformative child safeguarding, based on the good practice guidelines from the Transformative Child Safeguarding research report (2019). More than €120,000 in funds went to support 13 projects to incorporate these practices into their work.

Three external evaluations were commissioned to look at the effectiveness of members' projects in supporting youth employment, gender equality, and disability inclusion. The evaluations particularly focused on the effectiveness of the Missionary Approach to Development in achieving impact. You can read summaries of these evaluations within this report.

Finally, I am grateful to Irish Aid for their continued support of Misesan Cara and to our other donors, the GHR Foundation, the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, the employees of Ornua Co-operative Empowered Fund for their funding support for missionary development, and the Brigidine Sisters for their funding contribution over the past three years. We are very grateful. It is with this commitment of funds that Misesan Cara is able to facilitate the life-transforming development work of our members with some of the most marginalised people throughout the world.

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John Moffett
CEO

About Misesan Cara

Established in 2004, Misesan Cara is a faith-based development organisation with 88 members made up of Irish religious congregations and lay missionary organisations working in over 50 countries. Our members deliver vital services throughout the Global South in the areas of education, health, sustainable livelihoods and human rights.

Our purpose is to facilitate our members to deliver effective development work to some of the most marginalised and vulnerable people around the world. We do this in a number of ways.

We access and distribute funding to our members for high-quality development and emergency initiatives. To help ensure the success of their projects, we support our members along every step from the initial identification of need to a robust funding and project management cycle to evaluation of completed projects. We also provide advice and mentoring, visit projects to monitor and evaluate their results, and connect members to strengthen the missionary networks and share learning across projects as part of our quality assurance initiatives.

The five core characteristics of the Missionary Approach are:

- 1 Crossing boundaries as part of a global missionary movement
- 2 A long-term commitment, providing missionaries with insight into the local context, culture and practices
- 3 The personal witness of missionary values, including a simple lifestyle and solidarity with the poor
- 4 A prophetic vision: of a better life for all
- 5 A holistic approach: missionaries see and treat people as dignified human beings with a wide range of capacities, needs and rights to be addressed

What makes us unique: The Missionary Approach to Development

The missionary approach to development is unique, powerful and long-standing because our members live and work long-term with marginalised and vulnerable communities in some of the world's most impoverished and disadvantaged regions. We as an organisation and our members place a particular emphasis on reaching those furthest behind.

Our members take a transformative, holistic view of their work, treating all people with dignity and building on their existing capacities, needs, and most importantly, rights to achieve a better life. Over decades of unbroken presence, missionaries get to know the people they serve. They become rooted and accepted in their communities. By living and working side-by-side, they establish relationships of trust that provide the starting point for effective development work and also for humanitarian response during times of crisis.

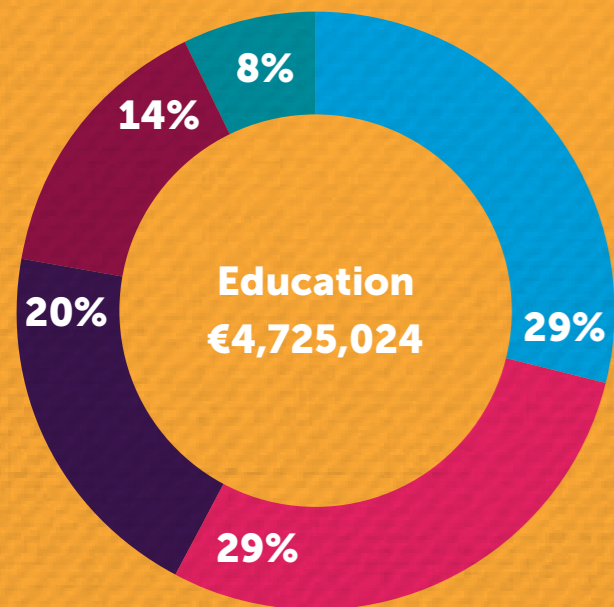
Today, carrying on a cherished legacy that has been centuries in the making, missionaries continue their work to uphold essential human rights by confronting discrimination and oppression, strengthening access to education and health care, building resilient livelihoods, and helping people recover from emergencies. In short, missionaries build relationships of respect, trust and mutual understanding in order to change lives for the better in places of greatest need.



The Salesians of Don Bosco are well established education providers throughout the world, and have been running a Technical, Vocational Education and Training project in Zambia to improve access and quality of education for marginalised women and youth, with an aim to empower them and provide pathways to careers and sustainable livelihoods.

At the Don Bosco Technical College in Chingola, Zambia, Mildred Katanda is one of the first female students to undertake skills training in the college's electronics course. Thanks to the project at Don Bosco Chingola, which provided funds to help pay for her courses, Mildred completed her studies and graduated. With the assistance of the workplace internship programme, she further developed her particular interest in automotive electronics and got a position as a mechanic. Established within a job that she loves, Mildred is now able to support her family. She hopes that her success will inspire other young women and girls contemplating a career in engineering.

Photo:
Don Bosco Technical Institute, Chingola



€1,357,663
PRIMARY EDUCATION



€1,376,224
NON-FORMAL/ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION



€951,429
TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION & TRAINING



€670,399
SECONDARY EDUCATION



€369,309
EARLY CHILDHOOD
CARE & EDUCATION

Education

In 2020, Misesan Cara supported 99 education projects, implemented by 34 members in 35 countries, targeting 255,106 people.

In 2020, our members' education projects faced challenges like never before. Worldwide, more than 160 countries closed their schools for different periods of time, affecting at least 1.5 billion children and youth when the first lockdown was at its peak.¹ For children in developing countries, the pandemic made it especially difficult to access the quality education they need to escape from poverty.

Along with the time lost in the classroom, children in the communities where our members work became more vulnerable to domestic violence and abuse during the pandemic, as well as child marriage and child labour. Girls were particularly vulnerable to dropping out of school permanently. Some figures suggest the number of secondary school age girls in poor countries that might never return to school could be as high as 20 million.

Because our members have been in their communities for decades, educating generations of children over the years, they were able to quickly adapt, assessing the risks to students, not just in terms of their education, but also their safety and well-being. Throughout this difficult year, they continued to find creative, proactive ways to support students and their families.

The Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary manage the only all-inclusive primary and secondary school for deaf-blind children in Zambia. During the COVID-19 lockdown, most children were educated through an innovative home-based care and outreach programme.

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of St Joseph support street children in Kisumu, Kenya. The project's non-formal school closed due to COVID-19, but teachers continued to reach out to children through individual follow-up visits to their homes and with remote learning using mobile phones.

The La Sainte Union Sisters provide an accelerated learning programme in a suburb of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania that aims to mainstream children into primary school who have either never attended school or dropped out. When the project had to close for three months in early 2020, they maintained close contact with all students, providing support, counselling and information. Thanks to this ongoing support, when the schools were allowed to reopen, all of the children in the project returned.

¹ <https://blogs.worldbank.org/voices/2020-year-review-impact-covid-19-12-charts>



Christine (centre) in her classroom in Gumbo-Sirkat, South Sudan.

Photo:
Salesian Sisters

Changing a girl's life with education and skills training in South Sudan

Christine Amama is 15 years old and grew up in the town of Torit in Eastern Equatoria State, South Sudan. Three years ago, Christine and her family had to flee Torit to escape escalating violence in the area, adding to the number of internally displaced people (IDPs) in South Sudan.

Before settling in Gumbo-Sirkat on the outskirts of Juba, Christine had been unable to go to school. Her family didn't have the funds to pay her school fees, so instead she had been tasked with the family's housework, cooking, and childcare for her three brothers.

For the Salesian Sisters based in Gumbo-Sirkat, addressing the needs of minors and particularly adolescent displaced girls has become a key priority. As a result of conflicts across South Sudan many schools were destroyed, leaving approximately 2 million children out of school.

Many girls in the IDP community aren't enrolled in formal education and instead often help their families by doing small jobs. On top of that, access to schooling for many girls in South Sudan is poor, with only 16% of girls over the age of 15 able to read and write, and many at risk of early marriage and teen pregnancy.

With funding through Misesan Cara, the Salesian Sisters developed a programme that, for girls including Christine, offers a free, comprehensive and quality primary education as well as vocational training in sewing, catering and agriculture. The programme enrolled 100 girls, who also received coaching to develop their independence and decision-making skills. The Sisters also held monthly workshops for around 3,000 girls from surrounding villages and schools, to help broaden the reach and impact of the project.

Christine's teachers report that she is a very responsible student, who as a result of her participation in the programme has learned to read and write and is very enthusiastic about the catering course that she takes. She attends classes every week and receives additional lessons for home study, with her favourite courses being English and Mathematics.

Health

Misean Cara supported **53 health projects** in 2020, through **28 members** in **16 countries**, serving a total of **643,228 people**.

For our members working to uphold the right to better health, clean water and sanitation, the pandemic shifted the focus in 2020 to adapting to the impact of COVID-19. Living and working side-by-side with the people and communities they work with, our members were able to rapidly assess what kind of an impact the virus might have.

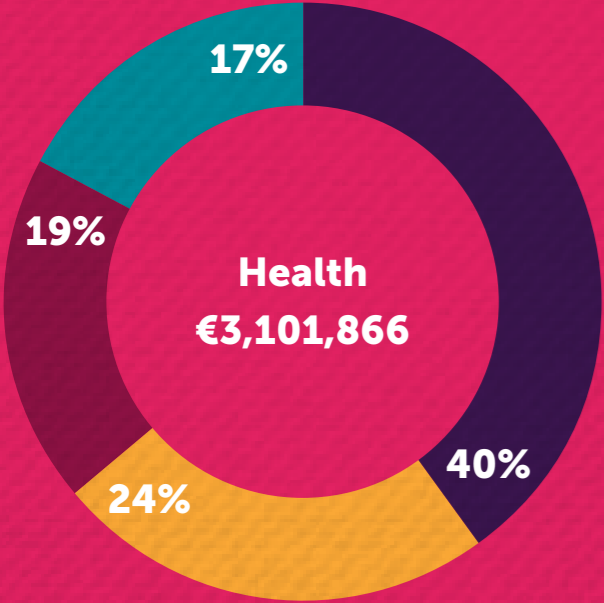
Projects were adapted quickly to get accurate information out about the virus and how to keep it from spreading. Members provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medication, training to project health staff, and developed innovative equipment to increase simple interventions such as handwashing and the making of masks.

Our members also observed that secondary effects of the pandemic were quickly emerging, including hunger, a rise in mental health issues and sexual and gender-based violence. More information about how our members responded to these pandemic-related challenges can be found on pages 20 and 21 of this report.

Throughout the year our members also continued with projects to address the general health and well-being of those furthest behind, as well as the challenges around other high-impact public health issues including tuberculosis and HIV & AIDS. Misean Cara members strove to ensure the past progress in improving health outcomes were not lost, or reversed, during the pandemic.

The pandemic also put a spotlight on the importance of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene in preventing and containing disease; simple acts such as adequate handwashing being one of the cheapest, most effective means of disease prevention. In 2020, Misean Cara members constructed solar pumps and boreholes in South Sudan; improved household sanitation through water harvesting in Kenya; and improved sanitary conditions in remote schools in Zambia.

A number of projects emphasised ways to reduce malnutrition rates, while others improved access to health care for people in remote areas. In 2020, the Church Mission Society Ireland had great success improving childhood weight in Nepal through the production of fortified 'super-flour' by local women. In the Philippines, the Notre Dame des Missions Sisters helped strengthen the effectiveness of the local health system by setting up ambulance services to connect rural clinics.



€1,242,560
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

€728,603
NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

€594,841
MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

€535,862
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE



Suad at the Caritas Jerusalem Health Clinic for geriatric patients.

Photo:
Caritas Jerusalem

Making healthcare more accessible for the elderly in Gaza

The Gaza Strip, a self-governed Palestinian territory, is one of the most densely populated places on earth, with 2 million people living within 364 sq. kilometres. Most people live in extreme poverty in makeshift refugee camps, with violence and disruptions often a daily occurrence. Because living conditions are far from ideal and many have little access to healthcare and no social security system, older people living in Gaza are at high risk from the effects of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cardiovascular disease, strokes, diabetes, osteoporosis, and visual and hearing problems. Even where health services are available, they are often unaffordable to most people in Gaza.

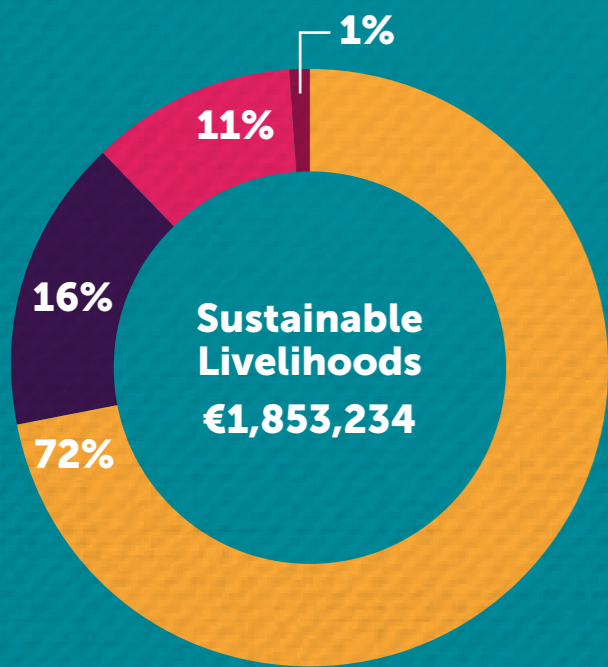
The Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood, in partnership with Caritas Jerusalem, have been working to offer the elderly residents of Gaza help managing the effects of NCDs by operating a free health programme focused on geriatric patients. The programme provides a wide range of treatments, physiotherapy, and assistive devices as well as screenings for conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.

Suad, aged 63, is a resident of the Shate'q refugee camp in Gaza. She lives in a small, dilapidated rental house that lacks basic, essential sanitation and has no heating or refrigeration. She lives in chronic poverty, her only means of supplemental support being food aid from the UN that she receives only every few months.

Suad came to the programme early in 2020 complaining of general ailments, including living for ten years with Type 2 Diabetes. Clinic staff also determined that she had high blood pressure, for which she received treatment. Suad was also offered courses to learn more about nutrition and basic health care, as a means of helping her develop better every day living strategies for managing her diabetes and the more typical ailments and conditions associated with ageing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it extra challenging for patients such as Suad to access the Primary Health Care (PHC) services offered to residents of Gaza. However, Caritas Jerusalem has continued its services throughout the pandemic, in part by setting up mobile clinic settings outdoors, making it possible for Suad and other at-risk elderly patients in Gaza to receive the essential ongoing healthcare necessary to maintain good daily health.

*** At the time of writing this Annual Report, the world had just witnessed the devastating impact on Gaza of the 11-day conflict between Israel and Hamas in May 2021. Due to the unrest, the work of the Caritas Jerusalem health project had to be suspended temporarily. The project team is now (June 1st) in the process of conducting an assessment of humanitarian need in the wake of the violence. On the eve of going to print, we received the welcome news that Suad was safe and well; she continues to receive support through the project.**



Sustainable Livelihoods
€1,853,234



€1,325,152
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



€298,215
SMALL AND MEDIUM SCALE ENTERPRISES AND COOPERATIVES



€209,867
SAVINGS, LOANS AND MICROFINANCE



€20,000
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

Sustainable Livelihoods

In 2020, Misesan Cara supported 68,245 people in 15 countries through 41 livelihood projects implemented by 20 members.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals set out a framework to help ensure a better more sustainable future for all by the year 2030. In particular, Goals 2 and 8 encourage sustainable responses to hunger and food production as well as stable work and incomes.

At Misesan Cara, one of our five core goals centres around the idea that all people have the right to a sustainable livelihood, one that will provide for their families and protect the earth and its resources into the future. To achieve this, we believe it is essential to support our members in developing climate-resilient livelihoods that empower people and communities, boost incomes, and strengthen food production and supply systems.

In recent years it has also become very clear that climate change disproportionately affects the world's poor by putting the safety of their livelihoods and food supplies at risk. Members living and working in communities struggling against environmental deterioration know the crisis all too well.

When designing livelihoods projects to have the most impact on environmental protection, our members take a holistic approach, encouraging creativity, entrepreneurship and climate-friendly farming techniques to help small-scale and family farms develop climate resilience while increasing incomes and independence. In 2020, some member projects also focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, establishing water conservation systems, as well as forest management, flood prevention, natural disaster preparation and management, and sustainable farming methods.

Some examples of our members' livelihoods projects this year include providing skills training for young people, female heads of households, and victims of armed conflict in Colombia, training Dalit and tribal women in cooperative business management skills in India and offering cheap and flexible loans in Kenya through Saving and Internal Lending Communities.

Other projects in 2020 include those that contributed to strengthening economic and environmental resilience in drought prone communities of Ethiopia, improved household incomes and food security in conflict-prone areas in South Sudan, and ensured the social, economic and environmental sustainability of communities in Brazil by selling fruit pulp and oil from local plants.

Prison rehabilitation and work skills training in Zambia

Prison conditions in Zambia are difficult as the facilities are overcrowded and under-resourced. Former inmates also encounter serious challenges reintegrating into society as they are subject to stigma and discrimination.

While the Zambian Correctional Services seeks to promote rehabilitation through education and life skills, there is a severe lack of funds to support these programmes. The Livingstone Prison Project, an initiative of our member, the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, rehabilitates inmates enabling them to re-integrate into family and society when they are released from prison. The project takes a holistic approach, providing technical education and life skills to build the self-esteem and confidence of the inmates.

Moses Nyanga was released from prison in 2017 after taking part in the Livingstone Prison Project.

"I studied metal fabrication, carpentry and joinery in prison, and I got recognised qualifications. Starting a business after being in prison was not easy but I got some support, through the project and other benefactors, to purchase tools and I was able to make other equipment myself. In that way, I established my workshop. I make furniture, do upholstery, car seat covers and metal fabrication.

I am proud of my workshop and the business that I have built up. Business is up and down, but if your work is of high quality and you treat customers well, they will return. I have seven workers that I can trust.

I am in regular contact with the prison administration as I want to encourage other inmates. Four of my current employees are former inmates. I am glad that I am able to help others get on their feet again.

There is certainly discrimination in society against people who have been in prison, but I don't want to look backwards; I want to look forward.

I have a wife and five children. In addition to my workshop, I have a small shop at the house where my wife sells groceries and with the money we make from our businesses we are able to support our children's education."

The project, with the support of Misesan Cara, has provided learning materials, equipment, and tools for academic and technical education at the correctional facility, and has also assisted former inmates, such as Moses, to set up their own businesses and become independent, productive members of society.

Moses at his workshop in Livingstone, where he makes furniture and does upholstery and metal fabrication.

Photo:
Moses Mtongo



Climate Action Awards

Recognising commitment to climate resilience

Climate change, while affecting everyone around the globe, has an especially heavy impact on people in developing countries. They often suffer the most from the lasting environmental and economic damage caused by severe weather, drought, erosion and biodiversity loss. The outcome is deepening social inequalities that threaten health, safety and livelihoods for millions already on the margins.

Misean Cara members are taking an increasing look at how to help communities become more resilient to the effects of climate change. They are finding ways to help local economies become stronger by developing sustainable agriculture systems and climate-friendly jobs.

In 2020, to highlight these projects and all those involved, and to inspire more projects to address climate change, Misean Cara launched its Climate Action Awards. We received many innovative and inspiring entries from across our member network, with projects in Kenya, Malawi, Peru, South Sudan and Zambia represented.

An Individual Award was given to Ms. Dinah Chenangat of West Pokot, Kenya for her work with the Chepnyal Development Project, through the Daughters of Charity. Over three years, Dinah has worked with thousands of women to set up nurseries and plant trees, thereby supporting the health of the local environment and providing an income source for the women concerned.

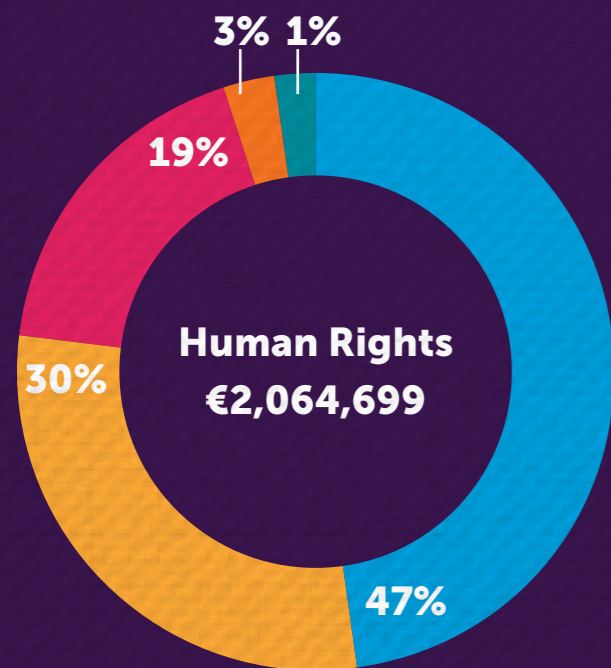
A Project Award was given to the Sustainable Management of Land and Forest Resource Project in Mzuzu, Malawi, run by St. Patrick's Missionary Society. Serving more than 2,000 participants, the project runs a Model Farming Training Centre, where it teaches community members about the sustainable management of land and forest resources. Bee keeping programmes and production of environmentally friendly cooking stoves are other features of the programme.

The Jesuit Centre for Ecology and Development, a project of the Irish Jesuits International in Kasungu, Malawi, also received a Project Award. The project works with over 2,000 participants, particularly targeting vulnerable women, young people, widows and others parenting alone, to train them in growing organic vegetables using permaculture techniques, and in the production and use of composted manure. This project also has an energy-efficient cookstove component, and promotes conservation farming and reforestation with fast-growing, nitrogen-fixing trees.



Dinah Chenangat (second from left), with a group of women she has supported through her work with the Chepnyal Development Project.

Photo:
Daughters of Charity



€968,094

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



€624,160

**GOVERNANCE, CIVIL SOCIETY
AND PEACE-BUILDING**



€388,240

WOMEN'S RIGHTS



€54,459

**NATURAL RESOURCES,
INCLUDING LAND RIGHTS**



€29,746

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Rights

In 2020, Misesan Cara provided funding for 40 human rights projects by 23 members in 25 countries reaching 289,787 people.

Building a world of justice and resilience means fixing inequalities, addressing the climate crisis, strengthening institutions and tackling human rights violations. Our members address these issues through advocacy at the grassroots, national and international levels, focusing on upholding rights, raising awareness and contributing to a culture of rights and social accountability. There are many project-specific examples of how our members have done this throughout 2020.

- At the grassroots level, project teams have conducted anti-bullying and social justice initiatives that advance human rights and environmental issues in school communities across Latin America; promote empowerment and self-management of human rights defenders, particularly indigenous women, in Colombia; and promote peace and reconciliation in communities badly affected by conflict in northern Nigeria.
- At the regional and national level, our members have contributed to the successful signing into law of the Violence Against Persons Prohibition Act and helped secure an increased budget allocation to fund the Sexual and Gender Based Violence Committee in Bauchi State (Nigeria); built and strengthened networks of civil society organisations across Argentina, Bolivia, Peru and Uruguay to advance social justice and human rights; and launched a publication on community-based best practice to prevent human trafficking in India.
- At the international level, several members, including the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto), the Good Shepherd Sisters, the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Franciscans International, interact with UN structures in Geneva and New York, ensuring the voices of the communities they serve are heard and considered at the highest levels. The Franciscans International, for example, brought UN expert attention to the human rights impacts of the war on drugs in the Philippines, and successfully advocated for the inclusion of ritual infanticide in the Criminal Code of Benin.

In 2020, the effect of COVID-19 has been felt strongly in the area of human rights. Groups such as refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and other forcibly displaced populations became especially vulnerable to human rights violations during the pandemic, as have informal workers, out-of-school students (especially girls) and people with disabilities. These are among the groups that our members targeted for extra support in 2020, whether through existing or new projects.



Teenage members of two of San Benito's organisations for adolescents, who used social media and Zoom to discuss different issues facing children during the pandemic and lockdown.

Photo: Warmi Hausi Civil Association



"For Warmi Huasi it has always been important to generate safe and violence-free spaces in the community for children and adolescents. We want to make parents and family members aware of the importance of not only protecting but also of listening to children, that their voice be heard."

- Judith, Local Coordinator of Warmi Huasi



Empowering children and adolescents at risk during the COVID-19 pandemic

The township of San Benito, in the foothills of the Andes on the north side of Lima, Peru, is home to 12,000 people, many of whom live in chronic poverty. San Benito is also home to a small association called Warmi Hausi ("Women's House", in the indigenous Quechua language of the region), that works to support local families in situations of poverty, and children and adolescents at risk.

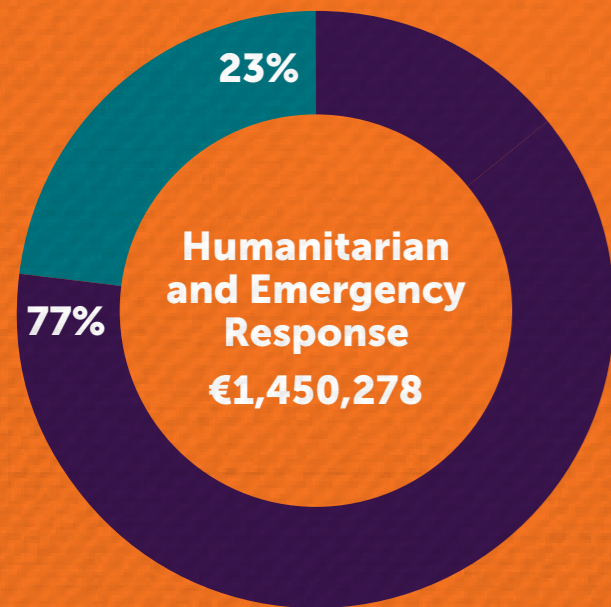
Since its founding by the Columban Fathers in 2005 to reach those furthest behind, Warmi Hausi has set up safe places for children to play and do homework after school, organised a popular weekend reading club, established a therapy club to help children overcome speech problems, and set up support systems for mothers.

With the arrival of COVID-19 family and community stress have been on the rise during lockdown. Children in the Carabayllo District that includes San Benito, experienced an increase in violence inside and outside the home, as well as mental health struggles related to managing fears

and emotions about the pandemic. In 2020, data from the national Women's Emergency Centres showed that in Carabayllo, violence against children under 17 represented over 60% of all cases reported in the community, with over 60% of those cases, in turn involving violence against girls.

Empowering and protecting children during the pandemic was a focus for coordinators at Warmi Hausi. The two psychologists in the team accompanied the children and their families with interactive materials to bring the family together and with check ins to those children and families in need of extra support. They also looked for ways to involve the children in active citizenship and to keep the local government involved in responding to their rights. Nearly 50% of children over fifteen reported feeling fearful during the pandemic and 29% reported that their parents had lost work. Coordinators with the adolescents' advisory council helped the children bring that survey information forward to the local government and civil society actors to make sure that children's voices, and their issues, were being heard.

With the success of the online survey, Warmi Hausi coordinators helped the children form a network of adolescent groups in Carabayllo, where the children have kept their initiatives active through social media platforms. They also met over Zoom to reflect on different issues facing them in lockdown, including who to call and what to do when faced with violence inside or outside the home and to discuss the difficulties of life in quarantine, and how to get help managing mental health, anger, and anxiety.



€1,116,411
COVID-19 FUNDING



€333,867
SUDDEN-ONSET
EMERGENCIES

Humanitarian and Emergency Response

In 2020, we provided emergency funding and humanitarian assistance to **577,068 people** through **116 projects** in **31 countries** implemented by **35 members**. This is the largest commitment to emergency funding in the past five years.

Our members' long-term presence, dedication and personal commitment to the communities they live in makes them very effective as first responders. In 2020, their deep understanding of local cultures and the trust built up over decades made it possible for members to respond swiftly and effectively to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and was also of great importance in challenging attitudes and dangerous myths relating to the virus and other health issues. For an overview of our members' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please see our highlight on pages 20 and 21 of this report.

Sudden-Onset emergencies in 2020

While the world will long remember the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges it brought about, many other emergencies occurred around the world in 2020. Our members responded to sudden-onset emergencies including Cyclones Amphan and Nivar in India, flooding in Kenya, the Taal Volcano eruption in the Philippines, food insecurity in South Sudan and Zambia, the needs of displaced people in Mozambique and Burkina Faso, and the port explosion in Beirut. All told in 2020, 11 members implemented 23 projects, responding to the immediate needs of vulnerable people in nine countries, directly reaching 69,791 people.



The project team delivering emergency relief supplies including food and blankets to villagers affected by floods and mudslides.

Photo:
Spiritans

Delivering emergency supplies to flood affected villages in Kenya

At the end of 2019 and into 2020, heavy rains and mudslides caused major havoc for Kawese and Mutyambua villages in south eastern Kenya.

For over 500 people in Kawese, flash flooding and bursting riverbanks led to houses being submerged by flood waters. In Mutyambua, over 700 villagers fell victim to mudslides that destroyed their homes. In the aftermath, they were at risk from water borne diseases, prolonged hunger and exposure to the elements due to a lack of shelter. This was especially concerning for pregnant women, the elderly and very young, and those with disabilities.

The Spiritans received emergency funding to help the villages respond to the disaster. They knew that hunger would quickly become a problem and used funds to purchase and distribute food supplies including beans, sorghum flour, maize flour and cooking oil. Other essential items such as clean drinking water, blankets, and mosquito nets were also supplied to the villagers. This critical food and material assistance also helped free up time for the villagers to rebuild their homes by alleviating the need to return immediately to work.

During distribution of the aid, the project team was at first unable to access the villages due to impassable roads. A tractor was used to navigate the muddy roadways to get food and the other items closer to households. The likelihood of future floods and mudslides in the area is high, so to help the villagers prepare for and hopefully offset future emergencies, the Spiritans shared information about the need for timely clearing of water drainage systems and the importance of building and repairing the dykes around residential areas before the rainy seasons. By draining flood waters, the villagers could further reduce potential illness and death due to waterborne diseases. With mudslides also a persistent risk, villagers were further cautioned on the danger of settling on high-risk areas such as hill slopes.

Responding to COVID-19

In 2020, Misesan Cara members, as with the rest of the world, faced significant challenges from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Misesan Cara members, living alongside the communities they serve, were ideally placed to see the immediate impact of the pandemic when it emerged and to respond quickly to the needs of the people they work with. To help with this, members were permitted to reallocate a portion of already approved project funding to COVID-19 prevention and response measures.

COVID-19 Funding 2020

€1,116,411 supported:

 **33** members  **93** projects

 across **27** countries

502,363 people



COVID-19 Emergency Funding

As the pandemic began to present emergencies beyond curtailing the spread of the virus, we established a dedicated COVID-19 Fund to enable members to react to the secondary impacts of the pandemic, including heightened food insecurity, school closures, loss of livelihoods, and increased gender-based violence.

As well as this, we also made additional funding available to support ongoing COVID-19 prevention interventions, including purchase and distribution of PPE and Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) units, helping health facilities set up dispensary and triage services as well as quarantine units, and support for community sensitisation initiatives to help counteract misinformation and myths about COVID-19.

Delivering Education to Girls During COVID-19

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on many aspects of life for people in the developing world, but it has particularly exacerbated the already steep challenges and inequalities faced by adolescent girls trying to access education. With most schools closed temporarily around the world, many girls faced the danger of permanently dropping out of school. As a result of COVID-19, it is estimated that as many as 20 million secondary school girls in developing countries may never return to education.

Our members reacted quickly to the threats adapting their projects to ensure that girls in their communities still had access to education during lockdown. Several members, including the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto) and Salesian Sisters, developed innovative solutions such as home outreach initiatives to provide education materials and psychological support. Food and other supports were also provided to families to reduce the risk of girls being forced to work or marry early. In Nigeria, girls were provided with solar-powered radios to enable them to listen to broadcast school lessons, while in Peru, lessons were distributed to girls as pre-recorded WhatsApp video lessons.



Distribution of food and other essential items in Riruta, Nairobi, Kenya.

Photo:
Patrician Brothers

Hunger, the secondary crisis of COVID-19: Emergency food support for the people of Riruta, Nairobi, Kenya

When COVID-19 arrived in the poor, crowded area of Riruta in Nairobi, Kenya, many people there became fearful and anxious for their livelihoods. Families in the neighbouring suburbs who had employed many Riruta dwellers as domestic help, quickly let their staff go out of fear of contracting the virus. When the Kenyan Government announced a strict nightly curfew from 7pm it became even harder for many people to work, putting them at risk of food shortages and hunger.

The Patrician Brothers, who have lived and worked in Riruta for more than 20 years, secured emergency funds from Misesan Cara to ease the difficult circumstances and bring support to their neighbours. They purchased food and household supplies for the most severely affected families. Because the Patricians are well-integrated in the Riruta community, they collaborated with local chiefs and elders to identify the families and individuals with the greatest need for food support during the lockdown.

Travel in and out of Nairobi was banned during the pandemic-related restrictions, so the project team requested government permission to source food from outside and have it brought in. The project team also teamed with government inspectors to make sure that COVID-19 safety guidelines were adhered to at all times by project staff and that instructions were given to those receiving the aid in the correct wearing of masks and the importance of staying socially distanced in the food queues.

Anyone selected to receive food parcels was given a scheduled time to arrive at the distribution depot, in order to avoid over-crowding and potential panic. Packages were supplied to each household, containing essential food and personal products including sugar, rice, tea leaves, cooking oil, beans, and maize flour, as well as soaps, cleaners and sanitary pads. For those families deemed to be at greater risk from exposure to COVID-19, project staff went door-to-door to deliver parcels.

With funding through Misesan Cara, more than 600 Riruta households (approximately 3,000 people) received the emergency food support they needed to get through the lockdown. As restrictions began to lift, small businesses in Riruta started to reopen and more people were able to return to work. With their livelihoods returning, some of the fear and anxiety that came with the pandemic lessened. The Patrician Brothers continue to perform return visits to households that received aid to be sure of their well-being.

Innovation Fund

Transformative Safeguarding

- members learning from each other

Since its launch in 2019, Misesan Cara's Innovation Fund has proved popular with our members and the Fund shows evidence of having long-term positive impact.

Developed to provide members the opportunity to learn from one another's good practices, members can apply for funding to roll out or adapt effective approaches in their own projects. Members can also apply for funding to try out new approaches within their own projects.

Each year the Innovation Fund focuses on specific themes. In 2020 the theme was innovative approaches to child safeguarding, building on the Transforming Child Safeguarding research published by Misesan Cara in January 2020. The report showcased good practice and learning from projects implemented by 13 members across Africa.

Guides were developed by members that outlined innovative safeguarding approaches ranging from the use of witness protection boxes in courtrooms in Kenya (see our 2019 Annual Report) to promoting citizen voice and action in Zambia. The 2020 proposals received had a strong focus on fostering safe environments in schools, the promotion of child- and disability-friendly policies, tackling Gender Based Violence, and safeguarding within communities using rights-based approaches.

We will review the Innovation fund in 2021 to explore the effectiveness of the learning opportunities it provides.

How our members developed innovation in 2020

The Medical Missionaries of Mary developed a blended approach to their safeguarding training programme in 2020, incorporating Zoom workshops, group work and peer review across five East African countries. The aim was to build each region's knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and child rights and to ensure collective sharing, learning and innovation.

In rural Zambia, Edmund Rice Development's Western Cluster team developed a Citizen Voice in Action (CVA) model to promote non-adversarial engagement between children as rights holders and parents, community members and government actors (such as the Ministry of Education) as duty bearers. This approach gives children the opportunity to advocate on behalf of themselves and raise issues within their communities.

Recognising the unique risks and challenges for children with disabilities, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Chigwell) are creating a 'Talking Compound' at the Victor Braun Special Needs School in Uganda. Interactive and 'alive' spaces are developed around the school compound with messages in child friendly language and colourful pictorial imagery, strategically placed in high-traffic areas to educate the children on child protection and their rights.

Innovation Fund 2020

€120,411 supported:



13 members



13 projects



12 countries

53,068 people



In Paraguay, children of the indigenous Ava Guarani's Jejty Miri community hold balloons inscribed with COVID-19 safety messages to stay at home and remain within one's village, a community outreach measure to help prevent the spread of the virus. The children and their families are part of a larger project administered by Misesan Cara member the Servants of the Holy Spirit, who worked in partnership with local indigenous leaders to prepare and disseminate materials that inform about the virus and ways to stop its spread. Other project activities have included teaching people how to adopt proper hand washing technique, the making and use of face masks, and putting up posters in local languages that provide information about the virus. In addition, indigenous leaders visited each family in the region to explain about COVID-19, what symptoms to watch out for, and how to report any suspected cases for help and resources. When the leaders and communities decided to implement measures to control the entry and exit of people from the community, education and outreach programmes were developed to help communicate this, including simple techniques such as these balloons that could be shared with friends and family.

Photo:

Pastoral Indígena Espíritu Santo,
Paraguay - Servants of the Holy
Spirit, Paraguay

Member Capacity Development

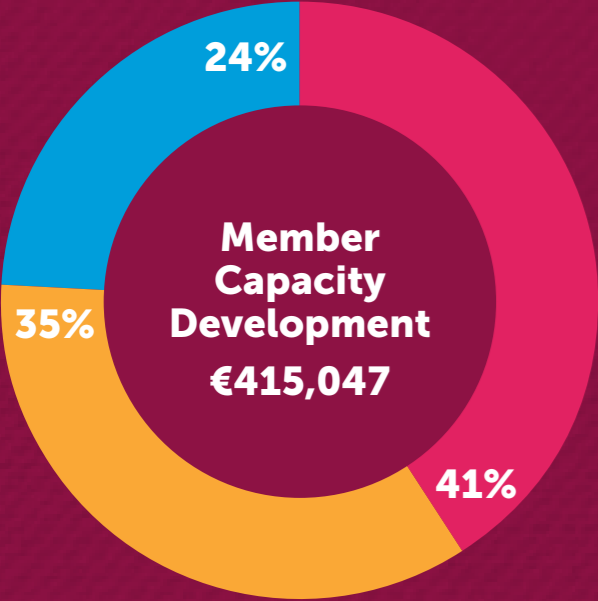
In 2020, Misesan Cara funded **17 members** implementing **22 projects** in **14 countries**

The member capacity development (MCD) programme aims to help our members deliver effective development work by enhancing and promoting the Missionary Approach to Development Interventions (MADI).

When projects and teams function and are resourced effectively, not only is their work improved but so ultimately are the outcomes for the people and communities they serve. MCD funding supports members to strengthen their project teams and also their organisational systems and processes. Funds have been used by members to improve governance, financial accountability, strategic planning and project planning.

Our members have reported that as a result of strengthened organisational and proposal-writing skills they have been able to raise additional funding from sources other than Misesan Cara, ultimately leading to greater impact on the lives of the people and communities they are seeking to assist.

In 2020 The Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand used funds to strengthen the capacity of their team, introducing a rights-based approach to programming, policies and procedures that refocused their work from individual projects to a more co-ordinated approach. The Medical Missionaries of Mary were able to train staff on safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons in Nigeria, Angola and Benin. While the congregation has strong safeguarding policies in place, they identified the need to strengthen knowledge of these at the project level, which they were able to address with this training.



€169,402
ORGANISATIONAL STRENGTHENING

€145,425
HUMAN RESOURCE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

€100,220
INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT



Daughters of Charity staff at the member capacity development training session in Kumasi, Ghana in January 2020. Pictured from left to right are: Sr. Okonok Acheneja; Jessica Deh; Sr. Toyin Abegunde; Sr. Olivia Umoh; Moses Akrugu; Sr. Angelina Mark; Sr. Geraldine Henry (Daughters of Charity, Missionary Development Officer).

Photo:
Daughters of Charity

Building stronger organisations through a holistic planning review process

In 2019 the Leadership Team of the Daughters of Charity in the Province of Nigeria (covering Nigeria, Ghana and Burkina Faso) undertook a major external evaluation of their leadership, management and administrative systems, to determine their relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and impact. Learning from this evaluation was subsequently applied in an in-depth evaluation of all of their work in education, health, mental health, social services and income generation. In essence, the leadership set out to undertake a comprehensive strategic planning process rooted in the evaluation of systems, processes and services.

In preparation for the in-depth evaluation of project work, in January 2020 Province leaders selected staff to be trained in data collection techniques, communication skills, and the research needed for a thorough analysis of the robustness

and flexibility of their projects. The training also helped staff assess whether the projects were doing the right things, what difference the projects were making to the lives of the people the project was intending to benefit, what was being learned from projects, whether projects were achieving the best possible results, and how efficient their systems were.

The trained staff then worked in pairs to visit projects and completed these visits just before COVID-19 restrictions came into effect. The information gathered was studied and used to help improve future planning. With the advance of COVID-19, Zoom was used to enable sector groups to work together virtually on this analysis across different locations.

The strategic planning process is ongoing at this time, and will lead to the creation of a Provincial Strategic Plan, developed through a robust and inclusive approach.

Mentorship



Development Mentor for Eastern Africa, Paul Njeru Gichuki, at a meeting with Sr. Lucy Toror (Society of the Sacred Heart), in early January 2020. Sr. Lucy, a project manager and Head Teacher at the Laini Saba Christ the King Primary School in Kibera, Kenya was receiving guidance on writing a grant proposal before submission to Misesan Cara.

Photo:
Society of the Sacred Heart

Mark Othieno (pictured here aged 4) attends the Special Needs Centre in Mukono, Uganda run by Children in Need (CHIN), a community-based organisation of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary. CHIN works with some of the most vulnerable in Ugandan society: children and youth with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, and unemployed youth. The project addresses the problem of poverty by improving food and economic security and promoting human dignity through training in successful livelihoods activities. These include environmentally friendly farming methods using indigenous micro-organisms (a natural fertiliser and pesticide); training in savings and credit; energy saving stoves and production of smokeless briquettes (made from local waste material) and training in domestic skills, tailoring, knitting and carpentry. The CHIN project also enables children and youth with disabilities to access education and rehabilitation services and works with communities and schools to sensitise them to the needs of children with disabilities.

Photo:
Sam Whelan-Curtin

As a complement to project funding and support that members receive from our Irish office, Misesan Cara also contracts four regional mentors to provide project support in Southern Africa, West Africa, East Africa, and Latin America & the Caribbean; they also provide remote mentoring to members in Asia, particularly India, the Philippines, and Thailand.

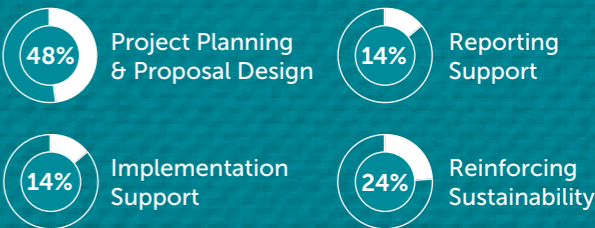
Our mentors respond to requests from project teams in their regions, for support in project planning, proposal design, reporting, and training, visiting project sites to work with teams directly when they can. Over the years, the positive impact of mentorship support has been reflected in the quality of proposals and reports we receive from our members, ultimately benefitting the project recipients themselves.

In 2020, the restrictions imposed by COVID-19 brought about the need for an adapted approach to delivering mentorship, with a blend of on-site and virtual visits with project teams. A focus of mentorship in 2020 was in helping members design responses to COVID-19.

2020 Mentor support provided to:



Type of Support & Time Allocated



Monitoring, Audit, Evaluation and research

Project Monitoring

The monitoring of projects is an important component of the accompaniment with members. In a typical year, Misean Cara staff and mentors conduct up to 70 project monitoring visits, meeting the project team, participants and other stakeholders. Through these visits, we learn from good practice and understand better the specific challenges and needs of project teams.

In 2020, in response to the travel restrictions triggered by COVID-19, Misean Cara designed a Distance Monitoring process to enable staff and mentors to observe projects remotely. This process incorporates elements of a traditional monitoring visit, including document reviews, conversations with project beneficiaries and participants, and key informant interviews. In addition, a self-assessment tool was developed, which helps project teams to prepare for their distance monitoring meeting with our team, enabling them to capture project results achieved to date and review their approach.

In 2020, 41 projects across 15 countries engaged in Distance Monitoring, accounting for funding of almost €9.9m. Additionally, 11 members visited a total of 33 projects across 12 countries, as well as two multi-country projects, accounting for over €4.5m in Misean Cara funding.

Audit

In early 2020 we conducted on-site audits of two members in Nigeria relating to four projects. After the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, a distance auditing process consisting of a finance self-assessment, a pre-audit virtual meeting with the MDO and several virtual sessions with project teams was developed, with two further members (four projects) being audited via this method.

The members audited embraced the distance audit methodology and provided feedback on the process, which will enable Misean Cara to use this new process going forward, where on-site visits are not possible.

All the audits undertaken reviewed the financial systems and controls of members at project level, including oversight that members in Ireland have over grant income at project level, as well as auditing the expenditure of selected projects. The total value of funding audited was €0.53 million or approximately 4% of annual project funding.

Evaluation

In 2020, three effectiveness reviews were carried out by external consultants, in the areas of youth employment and income generating activities; gender equality; and disability. Due to COVID-19, the reviews were carried out using a hybrid approach of project visits and remote data collection to ensure the safety of project participants, staff and consultants.

The review of youth employment opportunities in southern Africa revealed high standards of project planning and design being set by committed project staff and other key stakeholders. There were examples of preparing young people for meaningful work, with projects providing assistance in securing employment or setting participants up in entrepreneurial activities. The evaluators advised that more could be done to stay in touch with course graduates, in order to understand the long-term impact of the training in their lives and to adjust course content if necessary.

The gender effectiveness review found that, even though the selected projects were not specifically designed to target gender equality, they had widespread positive effects on the lives of marginalised women and girls. This includes increased life skills, self-esteem and independence. Addressing gender inequalities, however, was found to be a multi-dimensional and complex challenge that needs to consider both visible barriers and practices and other, more subtle, attitudes.

"All projects contributed to important development outcomes for the lives of marginalised women and girls, and in some cases went further in redressing gendered inequalities in health, livelihood or other development outcomes."

- Thematic Learning Report for the Gender Equality Effectives Review 2020

In developing countries, people living with disabilities in poor and marginalised communities can be doubly disadvantaged, as they and their families often lack the resources to enable their full participation in society. The disability review found that quality disability services were being provided to people who could otherwise not afford them, with clear evidence of positive change in their lives.

"There is no way that I could afford therapy sessions somewhere else or a school that would be appropriate for my child."

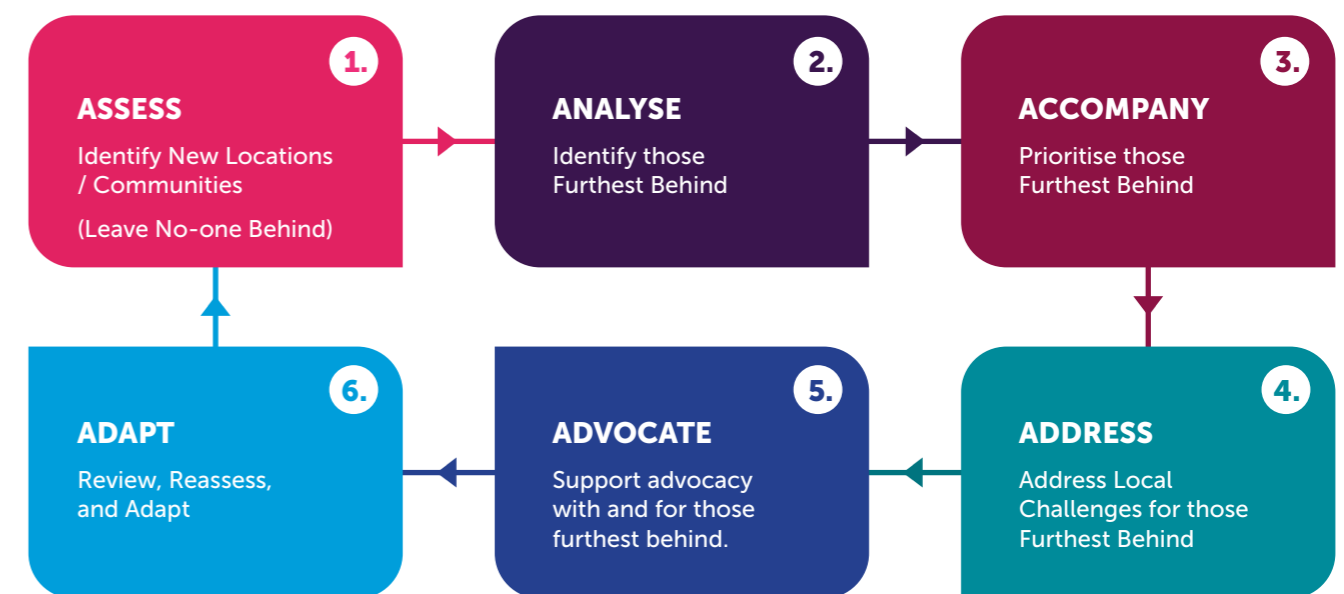
- Project participant in Haiti

Research

Misean Cara commissioned one major piece of research in 2020, following up on a 2017 study it commissioned on the Missionary Approach to Development Interventions (MADI). The 2020 research took a particular look at how the MADI model addresses the principles of Leaving No One Behind and Reaching the Furthest Behind First, two objectives that are at the core of the UN Sustainable Development

Goals. We wanted to see how centuries-old traditions of solidarity and service measure up to modern development paradigms.

The research concluded that missionaries are uniquely placed to reach those who are furthest behind, thanks to the five core characteristics of their work (see page 6). The framework below was developed to help project teams ensure that those furthest behind are considered during each step of the project cycle.



Sharing the learning – Misean Cara Learning Briefs

Misean Cara's activities in monitoring, evaluation and research of projects are an important resource for our members.

Since 2017, we have published a series of Learning Briefs that summarise what we learn from these activities. In 2020, we published four Learning Briefs on our website:

1. Transformative Child Safeguarding; Learning from Misean Cara's International Research Project
2. Learning from the experience of the Inter-congregational Child Safeguarding Group in Kenya
3. Investing in Organisational Capacity Development
4. Delivering impactful health care



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56,000
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56,222
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Website



30
articles and stories



12
videos



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81,000 viewers
RTÉ World Mission Sunday
Mass Broadcast

Public Engagement:

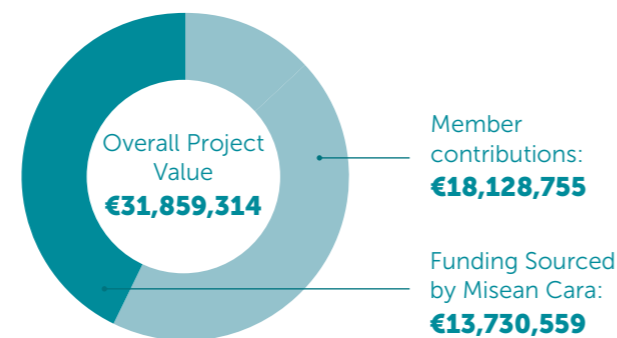
In 2020 Misean Cara's communications put a special focus on our members' swift, innovative and resourceful responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a Mission COVID-19 campaign of blogs and articles promoted on our website and social media channels.

Mobilising Funds, Fundraising and Public Engagement

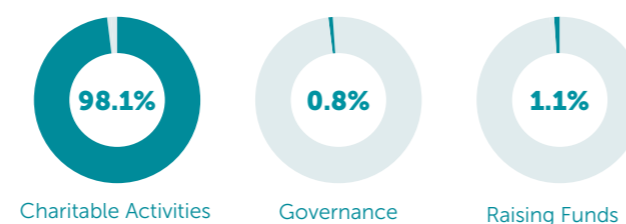
Misean Cara members mobilising resources

With the exception of Emergency and Innovation Funds, our members must provide 25% of a project's budget. As seen in the chart below, in 2020 members far exceeded the total required contribution of €4m, continuing a trend we've seen for many years.

Actual project funds allocated in 2020



Our spending breakdown in 2020



Funding Diversification

In 2020, we have continued to build on our initial success of broadening our funding income, with the U.S.-based GHR Foundation committing to provide \$225,000 per year over three years. GHR also provided an additional \$50,000 to support our COVID-19 emergency response. Other successes include establishing a relationship with the U.S.-based Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, who have committed to \$47,000 over two years to co-fund two school projects in South Sudan. The Brigidine Sisters continued with the final year of their 3-year, €60,000 support of a Misean Cara health project in Kenya. As well, we were delighted to be awarded funding late in the year from the Ornua (formerly the Irish Dairy Board) staff-supported Empowerment Fund, supporting two education projects in Kenya and Ethiopia.

Advocacy and Networking

Misean Cara Advocacy in 2020

Misean Cara works with our members to advocate on issues important to missionary development work, including disability rights, human trafficking, girls' education, and climate financing.

In 2020 Misean Cara made a submission for the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report 2021 on Non-State Actors in Education to make the case for valuing Faith Based Organisations (FBOs) in education. We worked with our members to engage with the GEM Report based on worthwhile insights from work such as that of the Marist Brothers' Three2Six project on inclusive education for refugees and migrants in South Africa, as shown on the front cover of this Report.

We conducted research and advocacy initiatives relating to girls' education, international protection for forcibly displaced people, the adequacy of climate financing, and children's right to play, with further outcomes expected on these in 2021.

Through member events, blogposts and social media, Misean Cara also raised awareness on a number of key issues during 2020 including:

- COVID19-related concerns for girls' education and forcibly-displaced persons;
- human trafficking;
- pressures on civil society space;
- embedding advocacy in projects across all sectors;
- safety and security of Human Rights Defenders; and
- Ireland's forthcoming efforts to develop a National Implementation Plan for the SDGs.

Networking

We are active in a wide network of like-minded organisations in Ireland and abroad, enabling us to access and share information relevant to our work and contribute to broader national and international development initiatives from a position of recognised experience. We hold membership with a number of organisations and networks including Dóchas, The Wheel and Coalition 2030.



Participants at the Edmund Rice International human rights advocacy training course in Geneva, including representatives from the Edmund Rice network, Marist Brothers, Presentation Sisters, Misean Cara and Caplor Horizons. Participants are shown here meeting Ireland's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Michael Gaffey, and Deputy Permanent Representative Ms Jean McDonald, during a briefing at the Irish Mission in Geneva in January 2020.

Photo:
Embassy of Ireland, Switzerland

Governance and Audit

Misean Cara's Board of Directors

Elected Chairperson in 2019, **Justin Kilcullen** served for 20 years as Director of Trócaire. He now mentors senior managers in the not-for-profit sector in Ireland and internationally. He is Co-Chair of the Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness and Chair of Social Justice Ireland. Justin joined Misean Cara's Board in 2015. (Attended 6 of the 6 Board meetings he was eligible to attend)

Vice-Chairperson **Fr. Brendan Carr**, C.S.Sp, who joined the Board in 2015, spent 17 years working in Angola during and after the civil war. Returning to Ireland, he ministered in a Dublin parish, was part-time chaplain at Mountjoy Prison and served on the Spiritans' Provincial leadership team for six years. Brendan is a Board member of the Spiritans' Immigrant and Asylum Seeker Support Service (Spirasi). (5/6)

Sr. Elizabeth Fletcher of the Sisters of Mercy brings considerable experience as a healthcare professional and development practitioner to the Governance Committee and the Board, which she joined in 2015. She has worked with Rwandan refugees in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and served in a leadership role during a ten-year period in Kenya with overall responsibility for the management of all Mercy Sister programmes and personnel in the country. (5/6)

Colin Wrafter joined the Board in December 2016 and was appointed chair of the Governance Committee in June 2017. Retired from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, he has served as Director of the Human Rights Unit in that Department, as Ambassador to South Africa and Zimbabwe and as Development Counsellor at the Irish Mission to the UN in New York. (6/6)

Michael Headen joined the Misean Cara Board in 2017 and served on the Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee. He has worked for the Irish Export Board, the Bank of America and the International Finance Corporation division of the World Bank. He has developed and managed commercial projects and SME-development grant programmes for the World Bank, mainly in Africa and Asia. Michael resigned from the Board in June 2020. (2/2)

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. (6/6)

Sr. Josephine McCarthy, a Presentation Sister who has spent over 20 years in Ecuador and Peru, was co-opted to the Board in September 2018. She is a co-ordinator 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. (5/6)

Larry O'Loughlin, formerly a Regional Manager with Teagasc, has a long history of volunteering in the not-for-profit sector, having chaired the Board of Vita, also serving on the Advisory Board of Irish Aid and the Board of Self-Help Development. He has considerable experience in evaluating agriculture and livelihoods projects in East and Southern Africa. He is a former President of the Agricultural Science Association. Larry was co-opted to the Board in September 2018 and is Chairperson of the Programmes Oversight Committee. (5/6)

Appointed to the Board in 2019, **Kevin Carroll** has worked in international development for over 30 years, including with the Irish Aid programme, Trócaire and Concern. During his career he has served overseas in five countries, four in Africa and one in Asia. He has lectured part-time in development studies at University College Dublin. 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. Kevin is chair of the Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee. (6/6)

Fr. David Kenneally SSC, Fr. David Kenneally is a member of the Missionary Society of St Columban. His experience in international development includes 16 years in Pakistan conducting parish-based ministries. He also re-developed the childhood vaccination programme of UNICEF for minorities and invigorated the Tuberculosis Treatment Programme. He has put his experience in capacity building to work responding to major natural events such as famine relief, drought and flooding. On returning to Ireland, he has worked as a Regional Bursar, and contributed to changes needed for the country's new Charity Law. David was appointed to the Board in June 2020 and resigned in May 2021. (4/4)

Marie Mulvey, who was co-opted to the Board in November 2020, has worked for more than 20 years in strategic human resources with extensive experience in the financial services, technology, clinical research, utilities and retail & property industries. She brings expertise in employee engagement and relations, performance management, project management, organisational change and development, and employment law. (1/1)

Board of Directors gender balance, as of 31st December 2020

4 Female 7 Male

Co-opted to the Board in November 2020, **Charlie Lamson**, has over 20 years of experience as a not-for-profit leader and fundraising professional in the U.S. and Ireland, most recently as CEO of Sightsavers Ireland. Charlie has also served as Director of Development at Dublin City University Educational Trust, Head of Development for Front Line Defenders, and 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. (1/1)

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. There are currently three sub-committees of the Board:

- **The Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee** 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. In 2020, the Committee consisted of two Directors and four external financial and risk experts. The Committee oversaw the commencement of the rolling internal audit process with RSM Ireland in November. The Financial Controller presents updates at every meeting and the Finance Officer acts as secretary to the committee.
- **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 risk management, including reviewing the governance arrangements of the organisation, the nominations process for Directors, and for providing the Board with advice on matters related to human resources. The committee comprises four Directors, two of whom are from within the members, and two external experts in governance and HR. The Company Secretary acts as secretary to the committee.
- **The Programmes Oversight Committee** reviews and provides advice on all matters relating to the programme of funding and other support to members including capacity development, research, monitoring and evaluation. It comprises three Directors and five external individuals with relevant expertise. The Project Funding Manager acts as secretary to the committee.

Policy Development in 2020

Misean Cara's suite of policy documents continues to evolve, providing guidance at various levels of the organisation from overall governance to day-to-day operations. In 2020, ten policies were either introduced for the first time or up-dated. These included policies on Anti-Fraud & Corruption, Conflict of Interests, Reserves and Data Protection.

Risk Management

Organisational risk is a standing item on the agenda of weekly management team meetings and all Board meetings. The risk register is reviewed by the management team on a quarterly basis and is updated annually at Board level, the most recent update being in September 2020.

Mitigation plans are in place for all risks.

Compliance with Best Practice Guidelines

Misean Cara is committed to upholding the highest standards in transparent financial reporting, ethical funding and strong governance structures. To this end, the organisation adheres to best practices by adopting SORP financial reporting, Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on fundraising from the public and the Charity Regulator's Governance code enabling Misean Cara as an organisation to be in full compliance with the Triple Lock award given by the Charity regulator.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

With the growing emphasis on data protection and privacy, Misean Cara's GDPR Data Champions Group met on two occasions during 2020 with the primary purpose of continuing to raise awareness of data protection principles at team level and drawing the attention of Misean Cara's joint Data Protection Officers to any issues that may arise. Misean Cara also updated its Data Protection Policy aligning it to best practice within the charity sector.

Safeguarding

In 2020, Misean Cara updated its safeguarding policy and procedures in line with current legislation, the Dóchas Safeguarding Code, and recognised good practice within the INGO sector. A safeguarding clause was introduced into funding agreements with members, and safeguarding monitoring tools developed to assist members in their work.

Reference and Administrative Details

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Board of Directors

Mr. Justin Kilcullen – Chairperson
 Fr. Brendan Carr, C.S.Sp – Vice-Chairperson
 Sr. Elizabeth Fletcher, RSM
 Ms. Karen Herbert (resigned 05 February 2020)
 Dr. Pauline Faughnan
 Mr. Colin Wrafter
 Mr. Michael Headen (resigned 24 June 2020)
 Sr. Josephine McCarthy PVBM
 Mr. Larry O'Loughlin
 Mr. Kevin Carroll
 Fr. David Kenneally SSC (co-opted 6 May 2020; appointed 24 June 2020; resigned 12 May 2021)
 Ms. Marie Mulvey (co-opted 11 November 2020)
 Mr. Charlie Lamson (co-opted 11 November 2020)

Financial Oversight, Risk & Audit Committee

Ms. Karen Herbert – Chairperson (resigned 05 February 2020)
 Mr. Kevin Carroll – Chairperson (appointed as Chairperson 05 February 2020)
 Mr. Gerry O'Neill (retired 25 November 2020)
 Fr. Gerry O'Connor, C.Ss.R (retired 24 May 2021)
 Mr. Michael Headen (resigned 24 June 2020)
 Mr. Donal Murray (appointed 26 February 2020)
 Mr. John Gavigan (appointed 26 February 2020)
 Fr. David Kenneally SSC (appointed 6 May 2020, resigned 12 May 2021)
 Ms. Vanessa Duffy (appointed 12 May 2021)
 Mr. Paolo Camisassa (appointed 12 May 2021)

Governance Committee

Mr. Colin Wrafter – Chairperson
 Sr. Elizabeth Fletcher, RSM
 Mr. Ciaran Connolly
 Sr. Josephine McCarthy PVBM
 Mr. Justin Kilcullen
 Prof. Gerry Whyte (appointed 26 February 2020)
 Ms. Marie Mulvey (appointed 11 November 2020)

Programmes Oversight Committee

Mr. Larry O'Loughlin – Chairperson
 Ms. Pauline Conway (retired 28 April 2021)
 Dr. Pauline Faughnan
 Mr. Kevin Carroll (resigned 14 December 2020)
 Dr. Lance O'Brien
 Ms. Helen Breen
 Sr. Maura Clerkin, SSL (appointed 14 December 2020)
 Dr. Sulagna Maitra (appointed 14 December 2020)

Company Registration Number

381117

Charity Registration Number

20055325

Charitable Tax Exemption Number

CHY15772

Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Seamus O'Leary (Interim to 5th April 2020)
 Mr John Moffett (appointed 6th April 2020)

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



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 for International Aid



ELKAP (ELectricity for KAPanga), a rural electrification programme launched by the Society of the Divine Saviour with support from the EU and the Provincial Government, has successfully introduced hydroelectricity to the Kapanga Territory in southern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), bringing electricity to an area with a population of 3,200 people. With additional funding from Misan Cara, the team was able to train local electricians and plant operators to maintain the network, conduct awareness-raising activities within the local communities to stimulate demand, install pre-paid meters, and connect 521 customers (390 households and 131 public and private businesses) to the grid. The people of Kapanga Territory now have access to a stable and clean electricity supply, reducing their dependence on fossil fuels to the benefit of the community and the environment. The project has also extended its network to some hard-to-reach areas and introduced a price structure that is financially sustainable to run the company while providing electricity at an affordable price.

Financial Statements

Total Income

€15,799,271

Total Expenditure

€15,540,502

**Expenditure
on Raising
Funds**

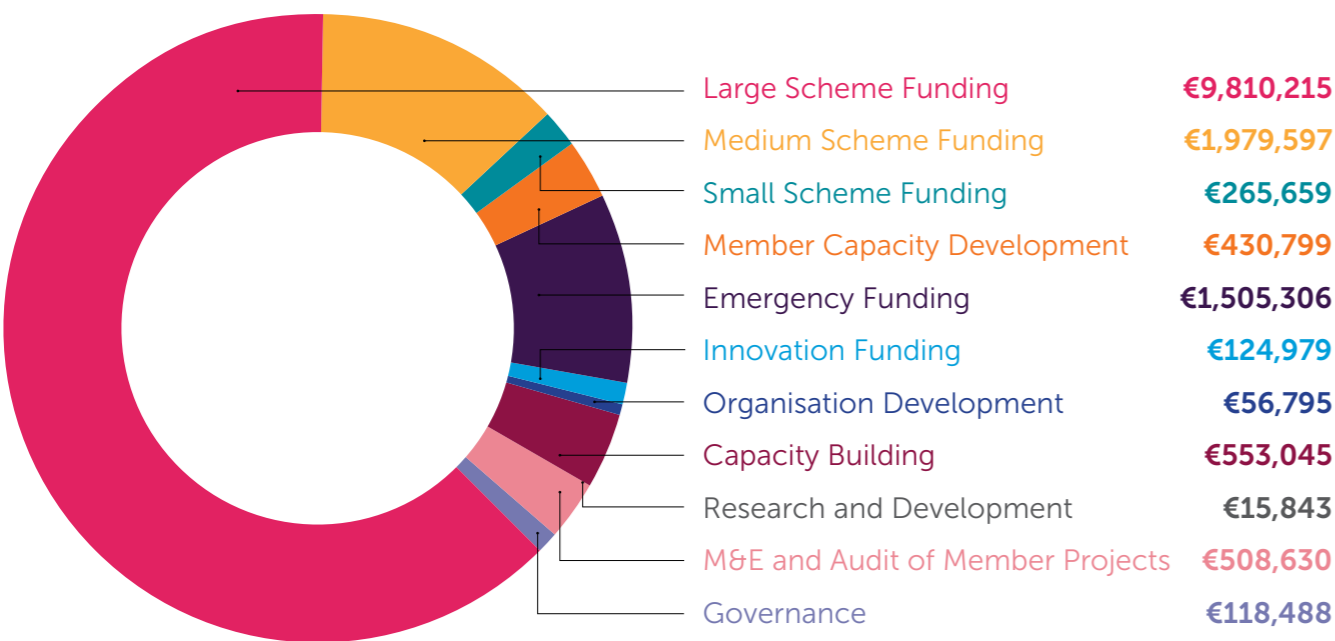
€171,146

**Expenditure
on Charitable
Activities**

€15,369,356

(including 0.8% governance)

Breakdown of Funds



Directors' Responsibilities Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Directors (who are also 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

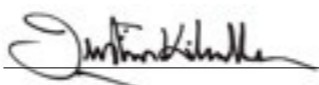
Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as to the financial year end and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and 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 charitable 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. Justin Kilcullen


Mr. Kevin Carroll

Independent Auditors' Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF MISEAN CARA

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Misean Cara (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of 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 2020 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

- the Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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 (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) 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 charitable 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 Directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have 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 assets, liabilities and financial position of the Charity's internal audit.
- 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 Charity'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 Charity's members those matters that we are required to state to them in the audit 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 Charity or the charitable members as a body 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: 12 May 2021

Statement of Financial Activities Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds 2020 €	Restricted funds 2020 €	Total funds 2020 €	Total funds 2019 €
INCOME FROM:				
Charitable activities	942,564	14,854,915	15,797,479	15,520,000
Investments	209		209	15,520,000
Other income	1,323	260	1,583	5,169
TOTAL INCOME	944,096	14,855,175	15,799,271	15,528,950
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	167,111	4,035	171,146	202,993
Charitable activities	664,643	14,704,713	15,369,356	15,724,047
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	831,754	14,708,748	15,540,502	15,927,040
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES	112,342	146,427	258,769	(398,090)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	112,342	146,427	258,769	(398,090)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward	1,329,736	84,090	1,413,826	1,811,916
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,442,078	230,517	1,672,595	1,413,826

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

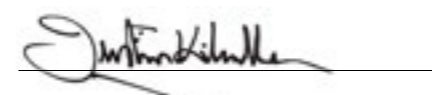
The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

Balance Sheet

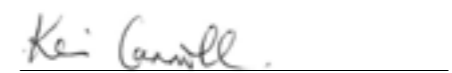
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	€	2020 €	€	2019 €
FIXED ASSETS		58,100		66,696
Tangible assets				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	37,430		52,271	
Cash at bank and in hand	8,017,794		6,912,508	
	8,055,224		6,964,779	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	(6,440,729)		(5,617,649)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,614,495		1,347,130
NET ASSETS		1,672,595		1,413,826
CHARITY FUNDS				
Restricted funds		230,517		84,090
Unrestricted funds		1,442,078		1,329,736
TOTAL FUNDS		1,672,595		1,413,826

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



Mr. Justin Kilcullen



Mr. Kevin Carroll

Date: 12 May 2021

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

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Statement of Cash Flows

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 €	2019 €
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	1,140,955	(1,997,642)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest received	209	3,781
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(35,878)	(24,240)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(35,669)	(20,459)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR	1,105,286	(2,018,101)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	6,912,508	8,930,609
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CARRIED FORWARD	8,017,794	6,912,508

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

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Misean Cara

Members, 2020

- Augustinian Fathers

Capuchin Order

Carmelites (OCD)

Church Mission Society Ireland

Cistercians

Comboni Missionaries of The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans)

Congregation of the Passion

Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)

Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy

Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul

Daughters of Mary and Joseph

Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Daughters of the Holy Spirit

De La Salle Brothers

Dominican Fathers

Edmund Rice Development

Faithful Companions of Jesus

Franciscan Brothers

Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph

Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood

Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa

Franciscan Missionary Union

Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

Good Shepherd Sisters

Holy Faith Sisters

Holy Family Sisters of Bordeaux

Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God

Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto)

Irish Jesuits International

Irish Ursuline Union

La Sainte Union

Little Company of Mary

Little Sisters of the Assumption

Marie Auxiliatrice Sisters

Marist Brothers

Marist Fathers

Marist Sisters

Medical Missionaries of Mary

Mill Hill Missionaries

Missionaries of Africa

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
- Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban (International)

Missionary Sisters of the Assumption

Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit

Missionary Society of Saint Columban (Columban Fathers)

Notre Dame des Missions

Order of Carmelites

Order of Saint Camillus

Pallottine Fathers

Patrician Brothers

Poor Servants of the Mother of God

Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Presentation Brothers

Presentation Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Religious of Jesus and Mary

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary

Religious Sisters of Charity (RSC)

Rosminian Fathers

Saint John of God Sisters

Saint Patrick's Missionary Society

Salesians of Don Bosco Ireland

Salesian Sisters

Servites

Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris

Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of the Incarnate Word

Sisters of Nazareth

Sisters of Our Lady of Sion

Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles

Sisters of Saint Clare

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Annecy

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chambery

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Cluny

Sisters of Saint Louis

Sisters of the Cross and Passion

Sisters of the Holy Cross

Sisters of the Infant Jesus

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

Society of African Missions

Society of the Divine Saviour

Society of the Divine Word

Society of the Sacred Heart

The Congregation of Dominican Sisters

The Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers)

Viatores Christi



Photo:
Miguel Moran Moran

Celestina Domínguez Félix (34) stands with her bio garden in the crowded informal settlement of José Carlos Mariátegui (San Juan de Lurigancho District) in Lima, Peru where she lives. A housewife, she uses hydroponic technology to grow vegetables for food and income to help support her family (including three children under the age of 18 and her partner, who is a self-employed tradesman). Celestina and her family migrated to Lima from the rural area of Huánuco Department, where she is originally from and where she attended secondary school. Since 2020, she has been a participant of the ADSOPUR project (Association for Sustainable Development in Urban and Rural Settlements), which is administered by the Presentation Sisters. On the arid, steep hillsides of San Juan de Lurigancho, hydroponic technology is an ideal option for the cultivation of vegetables.

For further information about our work
or to comment on this report, please contact:

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Messages for
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