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# I. Introduction

Dear Friend,

We are happy to present the fifth solidarity report of our Salvatorian Office for International Aid: SOFIA. Looking at the results expressed in this report by numbers, statistics, and graphs, all of us (SOFIA together with our institutional and personal collaborators) can be proud of what we realized in 2012.

But more important and not always directly visible is the real and tangible impact on the daily lives of many people who live in difficult and inhuman circumstances. Thanks to the funding we received in 2012 for our projects, we are assisting more than 130,000 persons.

Regarding these results, however satisfactory, we feel more than ever challenged to further improve our projects. This is the reason why we found it necessary to invest in the internal growth of SOFIA in order to have bigger minds and longer arms, so that more people can be served!

Another important change is that Fr. Piet Cuijpers, who created SOFIA in April 2008 and was its energetic chairman for over five years, moved to Zug in Switzerland. Fortunately, his 13 years of experience as general mission secretary for the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians) will continue to be beneficial for the Salvatorians and SOFIA, as he is now leading Stiftung SOFIA, the Swiss branch of our network. We are most grateful for his work.

Finally, it is more than opportune to thank all those who supported us during this year: people and institutions from all over the globe who share our creed: "Christian inspiration, universal charity." Under this motto we invite you to continue to support us, so that this world will be a better place for all.

Fr. Agustín Van Baelen, SDS  
President

Arnout Mertens, PhD  
Director

## II. Achievements

Thanks to the projects we received funding for in 2012, we could assist more than 130,000 people. As Chapter IV makes clear, over 8,800 children and adolescents are engaged now in formal and non-formal education; over 65,000 persons have access to basic health care; 45,000 people are about to have access to energy for the first time; and over 470 catechists, fathers, brothers and novices, are getting ready to help their parishioners grow as a community.

The projects we promote and implement belong to four main areas, in which the Salvatorians and SOFIA over the years have gained extraordinary expertise and knowhow: education, health, green energy and pastoral work. All these are crucial for human development and in line with Catholic Social Teaching and the most important UN Millennium Development Goals, such as the achievement of universal primary education, the improvement of maternal health, the reduction of child mortality, and environmental sustainability.

In terms of grants, in 2012 SOFIA received 1,170,730 € for the 19 social and pastoral projects presented on the following pages of this report. The funds went entirely to developing countries.

Chapter III provides details about the destination and origin of the grants awarded for our work as well as information about the type of projects. Both the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania received two fifth of the funding (41% and 38% respectively). Other beneficiaries were India (6%), Kenya (5%) and the Philippines (4%). The country with the highest number of projects was the D.R. Congo (7). As in 2011 most activities concerned education (50%) and green energy (33%).

The largest donor was the European Commission (30%), which, together with the Province of Katanga, finances our rural electrification project in the Congo. Furthermore, most grants came from the Netherlands (24%), Ireland (18%) and Germany-Switzerland (12%).

To cope with the increasing number of projects and activities, in August 2012 the SOFIA office in Rome hired two additional employees – an experienced project coordinator and a donation manager for Italy. As the numbers in this report show, doubling the number of fulltime employees produced immediate results.

The expenses SOFIA received to get its work done – 239,796 € to invest in project coordination and management as well as promotion – came from the Salvatorian religious community and a few private donors (see Chapter V).

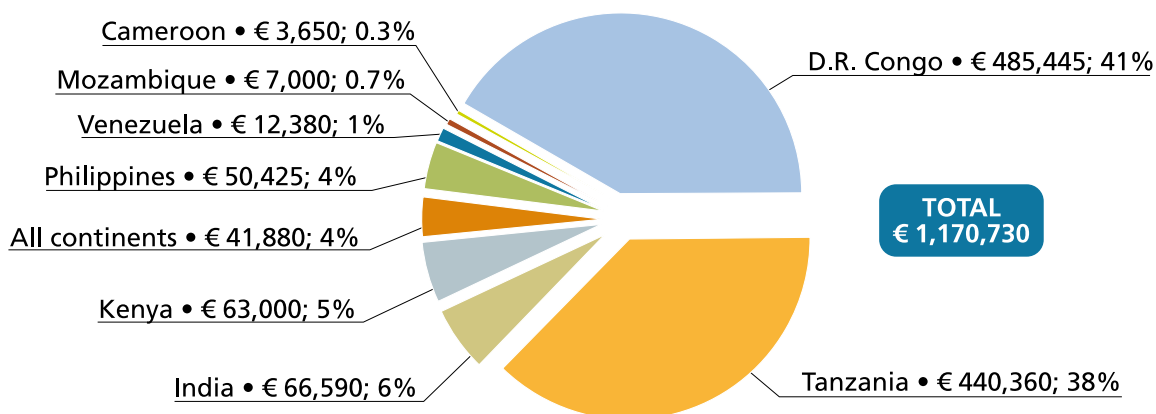
Because of the international character of SOFIA's work together with its credo of "Think global, act local," the first step towards a worldwide network of branches has been taken with the creation of Stiftung SOFIA Swiss. And this is only the beginning.

## III. Project Grants Received

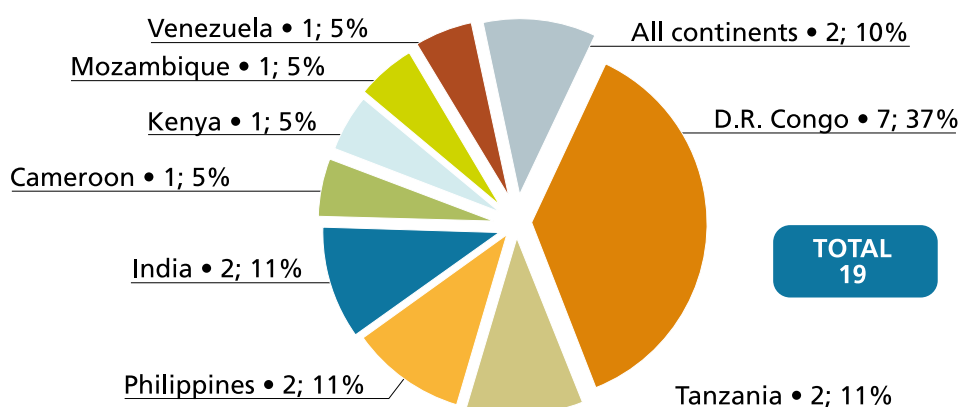
### i. General Overview

Not specific to one country	Amount	
Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral & Social Work	€	32,480
Workshop "Quality in Mission"	€	9,400
<b>Cameroon</b>		
Hina, Cutting and Sewing Course	€	3,650
<b>Democratic Republic of Congo</b>		
Kapanga, Restoration of Technical School Kafet	€	5,600
Kolwezi-Diur, Installation of a Water Well, St. Charles Lwanga School	€	9,400
Lubumbashi, Construction of Primary School Wokovu	€	67,450
Musumba, Sanitary Fittings for Primary School Père Jordan	€	4,665
Mwene Ditu, Acquisition of Benches for Primary School	€	7,000
Kapanga, Ntita, Childbirth Sponsorships	€	3,065
Kapanga, ELKAP - Rural Electrification of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita	€	388,265
<b>India</b>		
Laitkynsew, Construction of a School and Community Centre	€	31,590
Shillong, Extension of the Salvatorian Theology Study House	€	35,000
<b>Kenya</b>		
Kajiado North Constituency, Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions	€	63,000
<b>Mozambique</b>		
Chókwè, Establishing a Printing Office for the Parish	€	7,000
<b>Philippines</b>		
Manila, ALSA BUHAY - Alternative Learning in the Slums	€	35,425
Talon, Green Energy & Water for the Salvatorian Philosophy Study House	€	15,000
<b>Tanzania</b>		
Morogoro, Jordan University College - Construction of Lecture Halls and Expansion of Programmes	€	399,850
Namiungo, Construction of a Health Centre	€	40,510
<b>Venezuela</b>		
Caracas, Catia Slum, Equipment for La Constancia School	€	12,380
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>1,170,730</b>

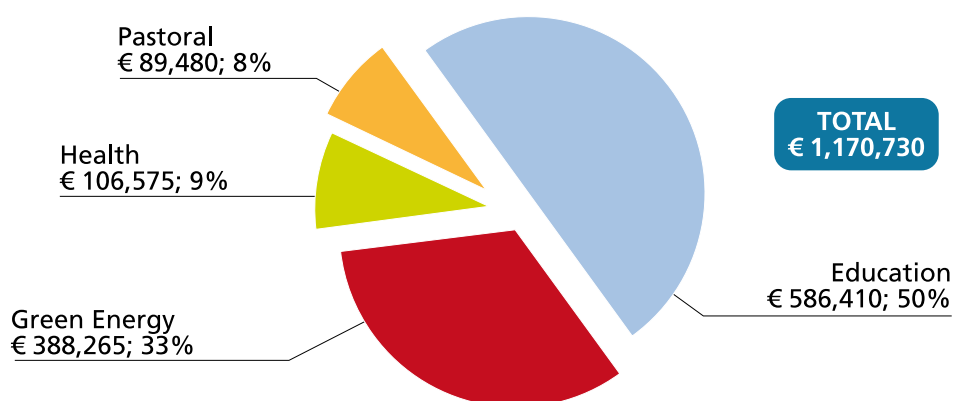
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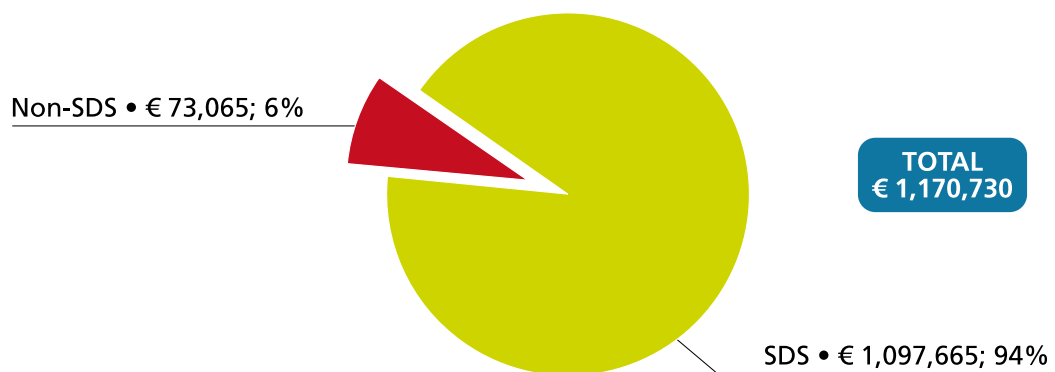


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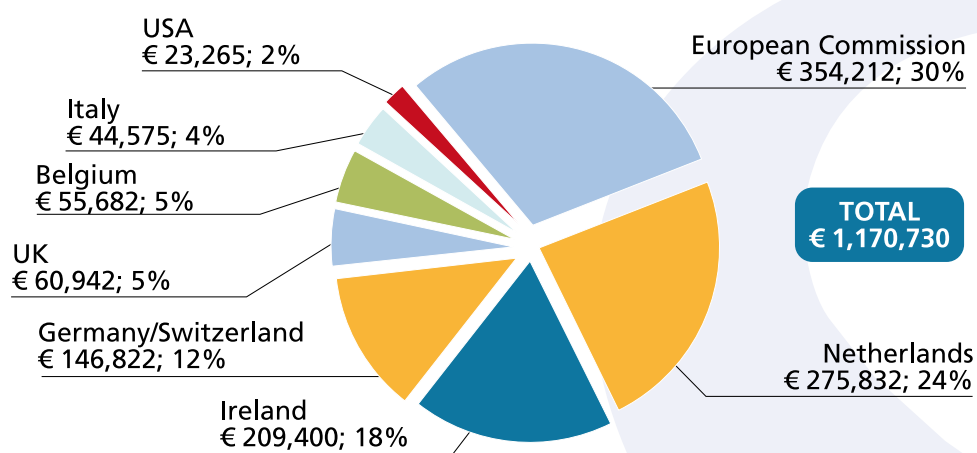




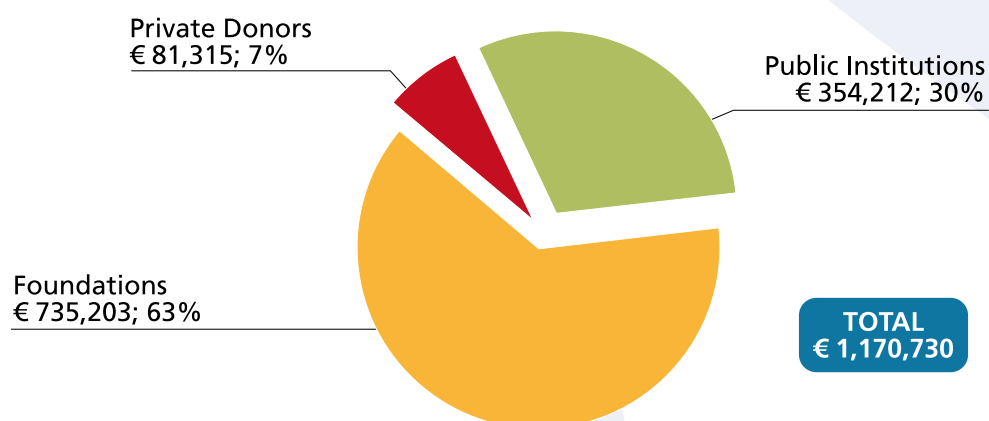
## v. Project Ownership



## vi. Geographical Origin of Grants



## vii. Type of Funding



## IV. Description of the Projects

### i. Education

#### Cutting and Sewing Course in Hina, Cameroon

- Location: North Cameroon, Maroua-Mokolo, Hina
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Cameroon
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 40 girls and women of different ethnic and religious background; their families, especially the children of those women; the civil society
- Goal: To improve the life of the women and their families thanks to new employment opportunities
- Activities: Acquisition of 10 sewing machines, two machines for sewing and embroidery and five flatirons; transport from Nigeria crossing the border to Hina; sewing courses
- Expected Results: A set-up and equipped Sewing Training Centre; 40 local girls and women trained to work as qualified tailors and able to make a living for themselves and their families by dressmaking
- Total Cost: 3,650 €
- Granted in 2012: 3,650 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: December 2012 – March 2013



The 4,000 inhabitants of Hina in the marginalized northern part of Cameroon were only connected to the electricity network in 2011 and still have to content themselves with only one primary and one secondary school. Not astonishingly, the percentage of female illiterates (90%) is very high, since parents tend to give priority to boys' education. Education is key, though, especially in a society where women are obliged to shoulder the responsibility for their families' subsistence, but are usually excluded from decision-making.

To help these girls and women to become agents of their own development, the Salvatorians in Hina are organising sewing courses in the parish hall. Since renting sewing machines is rather expensive, they had asked for a sponsorship to buy equipment for the planned trainings, especially sewing machines. With the income generated by the course fee, the two instructors will be paid, fabrics bought and the machines maintained. The women may rent these items after their training ends. Therefore, the project is sustainable and will improve the occupational opportunities of its beneficiaries, whether they choose to work freelance or prefer to look for employment. The newly-formed seamstresses will gain self-confidence and standing, their families will benefit from their economic success and they will inspire their female peers as role models in a context of widespread traditional female discrimination.

#### Restoration of Technical School Kafet, Kapanga Territory, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kapanga Territory, Ntita
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 180 masonry and carpentry students; about 1,000 students to be enrolled over the next 25 years; families of the students and their communities
- Goal: To preserve the existing infrastructure so as to continue to provide vocational education and form young professionals in a remote area with few employment opportunities
- Activities: Repairing the carpentry building (classes and workshops)
- Expected Results: Durable reinforcement of the existing structure
- Total Cost: 5,600 €
- Granted in 2012: 5,600 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: December 2012 - ongoing

The Technical School in Ntita is run by the local Salvatorians and is very successful. At the moment, 180 students receive vocational training at the institute's premises

which consist of laboratories for practical masonry and carpentry apprenticeships as well as classrooms for the formation's theory part. There is a strong ownership from the local population who had demanded this institute to be established, as well as three secondary schools in the region, also managed by Salvatorians. The Salvatorians happily answered the call, as they are convinced that providing high quality education is an effective means to improve human development in a sustainable way.

In Congo school fees are to be paid by the students' parents, but they only cover the most basic running costs. Extraordinary works need funding from outside; nevertheless, in case of construction activities, the Salvatorian educational institutions in the area try to contribute as much as they can by producing the necessary amount of bricks and even building smaller items, like ovens, by themselves, using locally available material. In order to accomplish the pressing refurbishment of the Kafet school though, external input is needed and the management had asked for a subsidy to cover the expenses for steel, cement and planks necessary to reinforce the building.

#### **Installation of a Water Well, St Charles Lwanga School, Kolwezi-Diur, Congo**

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Diur District, Kolwezi
- Sector: Primary & Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 500 children age 6-18, up to 4,000 further children over the next 10 years; their families and communities
- Goal: To create a healthy environment for the education of the children of the Manika parish in Kolwezi and to reduce the incidence of avoidable and contagious waterborne diseases
- Activities: Installation of a water well driven by an electric pump
- Expected Results: Safe water used by the pupils; decreased incidence of avoidable diseases
- Total Cost: 9,400 €
- Granted in 2012: 9,400 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Stichting Missiewerk M.A.W. (The Netherlands)
- Time Frame: July 2012- February 2013

Schools in Sub-Saharan Africa often lack proper sanitary fittings, let alone fresh and clean water: the pupils often cannot wash their hands and have no other choice than relieving themselves behind the bushes. As a consequence, dysentery and even lethal diseases caused by lack of hygiene are rather common.

The construction of a water well on the premises of the combined primary and



secondary school run by the Salvatorians in the Manika parish of the mining city Kolwezi provides a clean and safe water source and therefore significantly improves the standard of the existing facilities. Moreover, awareness and knowledge about essential hygiene will be raised among children as well as adults, thanks to the obvious link between basic sanitary provisions and health.

#### Construction of Primary School Wokovu, Lubumbashi, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Lubumbashi, Bel-Air District
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 360 children, half of them girls, during the first year; up to 1,500 over the following 25 years; eight teachers and their families, local economy; population of the Bel-Air district
- Goal: To increase the capacity of primary education in the Bel-Air district of Lubumbashi by 360 pupil places, so that more and better-educated children graduate; to ensure that girls have equal access to school
- Activities: Construction of a primary school consisting of three buildings with eight classrooms for 45 children per room, an office space for the administration and the teachers, a library and sanitary fittings; equipment of the buildings; selection of staff; election of a management team; awareness raising among the parents with respect to the education of girls; enrolment of 180 boys and 180 girls



- Expected Results: A primary school in the Bel-Air district built and functioning regularly with eight teachers, at least half of them female, as well as 360 pupils every year; rata of female pupils (50%) above local average, contributing to a more equal distribution of opportunities
- Total Cost: 230,000 €
- Granted in 2012: 67,450 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Private Donors
- Time Frame: July 2012 – July 2013

Bel-Air is a densely populated district of Lubumbashi, the second-largest city of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Out of Bel-Air's more than 60,000 inhabitants nearly one-third are children between five and 14 years. Nevertheless, there are only five primary schools in the district which all lack capacity and quality. Most parents do not have enough money to send their children by public transportation to school in a neighbouring district, and walking is too far and too dangerous. Consequently, many children do not receive any primary – let alone secondary – education at all. Wokovu primary school, which is an addition to the kindergarten we built in 2011-2012, helps to remedy this situation. In 2013-2014, the new primary school will even be expanded with 360 additional pupil places.

The Salvatorians in Congo have a great track record over the last 50 years; they are close to the poor and vulnerable in each community with whom they live and work. During that long period they also managed to build good and reliable relationships with local partners and authorities. By constructing and managing a new primary school, the Salvatorians respond to a need felt and expressed by the local population and are acting perfectly in-line with the five pillar-strategy of the current government, one of which is health and education.



### Sanitary Fittings for Primary School Père Jordan in Musumba, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kapanga Territory, Musumba
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: Completed
- Beneficiaries: 400 children during the first year; further 2,500 over the next 25 years; their families and communities
- Goal: To enable all pupils to enjoy education in an appropriate study environment; to reduce the incidence of avoidable diseases
- Activities: Construction of one block with sanitary fittings
- Results: Sanitary fittings for girls and boys built and used by all; reduced incidence of avoidable diseases; raised awareness amongst children and their parents with respect to the importance of simple hygienic measures
- Total Cost: 4,665 €
- Granted in 2012: 4,665 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: September 2012 (one month)

### Acquisition of Benches for the Primary School in Mwene Ditu, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, West Kasai, Mwene Ditu
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Sœurs Servantes du Fils de Dieu (SFD)
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 560 children age 6-12 and up to 3,000 children to be enrolled in the next 25 years; their families
- Goal: To offer every single child of the poor local families basic education
- Activities: Acquisition of 220 benches for eight class rooms
- Expected Results: The children study in decent conditions
- Total Cost: 8,800 €
- Granted in 2012: 7,000 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart (Germany)
- Time Frame: July 2012 – March 2013

Mwene Ditu in West Kasai, in the South of the Democratic Republic of Congo bordering Angola, lacked primary education capacity until the Sœurs Servantes du Fils de Dieu built the École Primaire Musadidi in the outskirts of the small town. The school has been recognized by the Government but does not receive any financial support. Therefore the school has not been furnished and the children are sitting

on the floor of their classrooms. Some of them bring their own chair from home to school every day, but not all families can spare one. Since each of the eight classes consists of 70 pupils, it is already very difficult for the teachers to keep their attention, let alone to keep an eye on those who are sitting behind. It is also very cumbersome for the pupils to follow the lessons in a rather uncomfortable position, trying to practise writing and to take notes balancing their exercise books on their knees.

Therefore, proper benches adapted to children's anatomy are urgently needed and will remedy the situation.

### Construction of a School and Community Centre in Laitkynsew, India

- Location: North East India, State of Meghalaya, Laitkynsew
- Sector: Education & Community Building
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 160 students, boys and girls; entire population
- Goal: To promote small-scale rural development in North East India through an investment in infrastructure and programmes for education and community building in the 36 villages of Laitkynsew; to empower marginalized ethnic minorities
- Activities: Construction and equipment of a two-floor building consisting of four classrooms, two boarding rooms for boys, one room for the administration, one room for the teachers, sanitary fittings and a community hall; hiring of two nursery teachers; awareness raising among parents about the importance of school education; creation of the community centre's management team; development of a programme for the first year of activity
- Expected Results: Regular nursery classes in English; gradual language change from Khasi to English; an operational community centre; co-operation between the different ethnic groups; about 1,000 inhabitants of the 36 villages trained in different issues; positive impact of the newly acquired know-how on social-economic development and income, especially of women
- Total Cost: 224,660 €
- Granted in 2012: 31,590 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Peter & Paul Parish, Tilburg (The Netherlands); Bradley Foundation (USA); Private Donors (Italy)
- Time Frame: 18 months from beginning of construction works



The Salvatorians have a century-long tradition in this remote area of North-East India and therefore a good overview of the situation there. Moreover, before planning this project, a detailed needs assessment was carried out. The outcome: among the vast range of problems and needs mentioned, the most urgent to be tackled for future development is setting up a better education system, and, as an important part of it, an English medium boarding school. In fact, many children up to now did not attend school as travelling every day to and fro is not possible from each of the 36 villages. To start with, given that the school is managed by the Fathers, the new building will provide for accommodation for male pupils (for girls an external solution is being sought).

Marginalization in general is an issue in Laitkynsew: Garo and Khasi, the two predominant ethnic groups, are considered at the same level as the lowest castes, but between them there is still a hierarchy which discriminates against the Garo, whose children cannot follow lessons held in Khasi language in the existing schools. As such, the gradual introduction of English classes with the start of this project together with an education programme in line with the Meghalaya State curriculum will give Garo children equal chances to attend and better the opportunities of all pupils in a world where English is universally spoken. Furthermore, the new Community Centre and its services open to all will bring the different ethnic groups together in an environment that encourages peaceful exchange and co-operation.

Another marginalized category is that of the women, in spite of their comparatively better self-organization capacity, their clearer vision of the community's needs and their distinct problem-solving attitude. The informal education and trainings offered by the Community Centre with respect to topics such as human rights, sanitation and waste management, animal rearing, and merchandising of handicraft products to tourists will provide them with the skills to improve their socio-economic situation and contribute to their empowerment and self-confidence.



### ALSA BUHAY: Alternative Learning in the Slums of Manila, Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Manila, Parola and Payatas Slums;
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian East Asia unit
- Status: Ongoing
- Beneficiaries: About 300 slum children; up to 500 by the end of 2013; the parents of the minors; the urban slum communities of Parola and Payatas
- Goal: To offer young people a way out of structural poverty through education
- Activities: Preparation of school dropouts to take the Accreditation and Equivalency Examination (the equivalent of long-term school education); support programme for their parents
- Expected Results: Qualified job opportunities and a better future for thousands of children and minors who are forced to make their living by collecting waste; raised awareness among adults about the importance of education; reduced drug abuse and violence in the two slums
- Total Cost in 2012: 97,000 €
- Granted in 2012: 35,425 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Aktion Hoffnung of Diocese Augsburg (Germany); Cordaid Den Haag (The Netherlands)
- Time Frame: 2010 - ongoing

In Manila the poorest of the poor live in slums: huge areas covered by shacks lacking sanitation and electricity. The children there are growing up without education and their families are forced to send them to work, depriving them of a dignified future.

Since he first set his eyes on the tragic reality of the thousands of children compelled to collect waste on the immense dumpsites of the megacity, Father Artur Chrzanowski, SDS decided that action had to be taken. He created the Puso sa Puso (= Heart to Heart) Foundation and started in the Parola slum by endorsing the Alternative Learning System Programme (ALSP) launched by the Philippine government. The ALSP offers the Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Examination, with a certificate that is a door opener for further education and jobs.

This governmental programme is successful, but out of reach for the slum kids and their families who are not able to afford the fees, and usually not in the condition to make ends meet without the supplementary "income" from the children's waste-collecting activities.

By its awarded Alternative Learning Centres programme, ALSA BUHAY, which stands for Alternative Learning System Approach: Bridging Unlimited Hope for the Advancement of Youth, resolves to offer the children and families of Manila slums the opportunity





- to realize how important education is to get out of structural poverty;
- to better understand their situation;
- to help them to improve their lives;
- to become familiar with positive values;
- to undergo counselling sessions;
- to tackle the issue of abuse and violence;
- to get a job.

Since the project's start in Parola, in August 2010, over 500 children have been enrolled; on the first State Exam at the end of 2011, 80% of those who participated passed and obtained the coveted Certificate. More information on [www.pusosapuso.org](http://www.pusosapuso.org).

#### **Jordan University College: Construction of Lecture Halls and Expansion of Programmes, Morogoro, Tanzania**

- Location: Tanzania, Morogoro
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Jordan University College (JUCO) in Tanzania
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 20,000 university students age 19-25; Tanzanian society, through the formation of a nationwide educational and socio-political intelligentsia with leadership skills, knowledge and moral values
- Goal: To expand the infrastructure of Jordan University College to increase the capacity and quality of the university
- Activities: Extension of the number of student sites and programmes; construction and equipment of the first part of a three floor building with 10 lecture rooms for 3,000 additional students; development and implementation of the new academic programmes:

MBA, MA in Education, MA in Philosophy, MA in Education and Religion; BA courses in Law, Business Administration, Languages (French, Italian, German & Spanish), Economics, Psychology and Counselling and BSc courses in Computer Sciences and Education; recruitment and training of teaching and support staff

- Expected Results: Quality infrastructure ready, equipped and used; new and more Masters and BA; training programmes delivered by high-value teaching staff; constant rise of enrolment rates in Masters, BA, Diploma and Certificate courses at JUCO
- Total Cost: 850,000 €
- Granted in 2012: 399,850 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Misesan Cara (Ireland), Private Foundation
- Time Frame: 2013 –2014

Tanzania, one of the world's least developed countries, lacks sufficient drive, knowledge, science and technology to attain sustainable and inclusive socio-economic development largely because the higher education system fails to produce enough schoolteachers and other professionals to meet the challenges of development and to attain international competitiveness. There is a shortage of at least 110,000 schoolteachers.

To address this crisis and to contribute to Tanzania's Development Vision 2025 of having a well-educated and earning society, the Salvatorians are leading JUCO's capacity and quality building. JUCO offers students the knowledge and skills to address the country's challenges while proficiently and morally training teachers, future leaders and change agents.

#### Equipment for La Constancia School, Catia Slum of Caracas, Venezuela

- Location: Venezuela, Caracas, Catia Slum
- Sector: Primary & Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Venezuela
- Status: Completed
- Beneficiaries: About 1,000 students, additional 2,500 students over the next 25 years; families of the students; the slum community
- Goal: To guarantee primary and secondary education to children living in the slum, offering them a chance for a better future
- Activities: Acquisition of laboratory equipment



- Expected Results: Highly motivated students thanks to the participatory educational approach; increased future income opportunities due to a better understanding of applied natural sciences
- Total Cost: 12,380 €
- Granted in 2012: 12,380 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: November 2012

Poverty and violence are the two keywords to describe Catia, a slum where approximately 800,000 of Caracas' about 5 million inhabitants live. Both phenomena are caused and sustained by the families' weak structure, the low degree of education and vocational schooling, and the high unemployment rate. Families are extremely poor and usually very broken.

Schools in slums offer a way out of poverty: they bring structure to children's lives, keep them off the streets, out of gangs and away from drugs and irresponsible sex. In short, they are crucial for poverty reduction as well as for sustainable economic and social development. Nonetheless, good educational establishments are an absolute rarity in Catia. There are some public schools, but they barely function due to teachers' absences, poorly supervised pupils, and very poor instruction levels.

Therefore, five years ago, the Salvatorian community decided to add, step by step, secondary education to the primary school, La Constancia. As a result, the number of pupils increased from 300 to 1000.

La Constancia received two international awards for its "excellent educational and social work" and for its "brilliant management".

Among the additional infrastructure recently supplied to La Costancia is a science laboratory. However, the lab still needed to be furnished with adequate instruments and supplies.

## ii. Health

### Childbirth Sponsorships, Kapanga Territory, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kapanga Territory, Ntita
- Sector: Health Care
- Project Owner: Salvatorian Sisters in the D.R. Congo
- Status: Ongoing
- Beneficiaries: About 1,000 women and 1,100 infants per year; about 6,000 children and 50,000 inhabitants of Ntita and surroundings
- Goal: To improve maternal health and reduce child mortality; to increase life expectancy and quality
- Activities: Pre- and postnatal counselling and care of pregnant women; obstetrics and medical assistance during delivery; vaccination of babies and medical care of children under five
- Expected Results: More women survive pregnancy and birth; more children born healthy and outliving their first five years; improved awareness about the importance of regular prenatal care and professional obstetrical assistance
- Granted in 2012: 3,065 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Private Donors
- Time Frame: Ongoing

Very often to give birth in the Democratic Republic of Congo is a bleak enterprise: due to the lack of infrastructure such as viable roads, public transport and sufficiently close and adequately equipped health centres, many women are forced to deliver at home. As a result, one child out of five does not reach his fifth birthday and one mother out of 200 dies during or because of delivery.

In Ntita, in the middle of the savannah, the Salvatorian Sisters are successfully managing a health centre. It consists of rooms for surgery and counselling, a dispensary and a maternity ward with 30 beds. It is a point of reference for a number of neighbouring villages.

In the maternity ward the mothers-to-be are assisted during pregnancy and delivery; they are also provided with pre- and postnatal check-ups and examinations. Their babies receive all necessary vaccinations and medical care. The patients are asked to pay a small fee to keep the centre running. Still, there are a significant number of women who cannot afford it.

Childbirth Sponsorships, therefore, help to make sure that poor mothers and their offspring get their chance, too.





### Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions in Kenya

- Location: Kenya, Rift Valley, Kajiado North Constituency
- Sector: Health
- Project Owner: Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries (AJAM)
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: Over 50,000 poorest of the poor in the Kajiado North region, such as AIDS orphans and vulnerable children (OVC); people living with HIV/AIDS; the landless; people with disabilities; poor households headed by women
- Goal: To provide a holistic response to the expanding HIV/AIDS and poverty crisis in Kenya
- Activities: With focus on prevention, activities include care and support of the orphans; training and capacity building; counselling; care and treatment, including the treatment of sexually transmittable infections; youth education for life
- Expected Results: Decreased numbers of HIV infected children; reduced number of new infections and lower rates of HIV transmission among the youth; decreased fear, ignorance and stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS; reduced economic and gender disparities that fuel the epidemic and lesser violence against women; increased number of people seeking prevention and counselling services and consequently early detection and treatment of other sexually transmitted



infections; improved access to ART (Anti-Retroviral Therapy), health care for OVS and PMTCT (Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV Virus) services

- Total Cost: 176,000 € per year
- Granted in 2012: 63,000 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Missio Munich (Germany); Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI) (Italy)
- Time Frame: Ongoing

### Construction of a Health Centre, Namiungo, Tanzania

- Location: South Tanzania, Namiungo
- Sector: Health
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Tanzania
- Status: In preparation
- Beneficiaries: About 15,000 people, most of them women and children; their families; the population of Namiungo and surroundings
- Goal: To improve the health status of the population of Namiungo and surroundings. In particular, to reduce the incidence of infant and maternal mortality, as well as the rate of the most common diseases among children under five such as malaria and HIV/AIDS
- Activities: Construction and equipment of a mother and child hospital (MCH); organisation of a referral system for emergency patients and for women with delivery complications; enhancement of the screening and treatment capacity of the present dispensary; training courses for community health workers and awareness camps for the population and the traditional birth attendants
- Expected Results: Enhanced quantity and quality of services for mother and child care and improved access to these services for the poor rural population; increased capacity of the present health structure in the management of the most common diseases among children under five and in the referral of emergency patients to adequate structures; improved awareness and knowledge level of the local population regarding basic hygiene and mother and child care with a focus on nutrition and vaccination
- Total Cost: 172,217 €
- Granted in 2012: 40,510 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Private Donors and Foundations
- Time Frame: March 2013 – March 2014

Since 1998, the Salvatorians have been successfully running the St. Joseph dispensary in the Diocese of Tunduru Masasi in southern Tanzania, serving a population of about 15,000 gathered mostly in six villages. Due to the excellent reputation of the dispensary, people also arrive from more distant hamlets. Nevertheless, the extremely poor health status in the area with a high rate of people living with HIV/AIDS, high risk of water- and vector-borne diseases (illnesses transmitted by worms, mosquitos etc.), maternal mortality at 578 out of 100,000 births and 32 child deaths per 1,000 live births makes it difficult to decide where to intervene first. With the project at hand the Salvatorians will help to improve the situation.



### iii. Green Energy

#### ELKAP – Rural Electrification of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kapanga Territory
- Sector: Green Energy & Rural Electrification
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: The 45,000 inhabitants of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita
- Goal: To reduce poverty and hunger through access to renewable energy
- Activities: Provide the rural territory of Kapanga with a sure, stable and green energy supply by building and implementing a small hydro-energy power plant with a capacity of 250 kW and a distribution network
- Expected Results: Stimulated local economic and social development through an increased reliability of local basic infrastructure and enhanced information and communications services; improved local population's awareness of the potential and advantages of renewable resources; reduced dependence on fossil energy resources and consequent environmental damage; promotion of a multi-stakeholder cooperation and strengthened role of civil society and the local population for rural development
- Total Cost: 1,404,267 €
- Granted in 2012: 388,265 €
- Sponsors in 2012: European Commission; Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: 2011 – 2013

Kapanga is a rural territory in the northwest corner of the Katanga province with a population of about 120,000 inhabitants (more than half of them are below 18 years old) and an area of 24,700 km<sup>2</sup>. The centre of the region is a conurbation of about 53,000 inhabitants, constituted by the three towns of Musumba, Kapanga and Ntita. There are two small hospitals and 11 educational institutes (primary and secondary schools, as well as vocational institutes).

Due to its geographical position in the south-west of the Congo and to the great distance from major cities, the territory of Kapanga is landlocked and poor. It has no electricity; it is hardly accessible due to the heavy deterioration of the roads and the lack of railroads and has no major industry or commercial activities. The population lives off small-scale farming and fishing. There is very little export of agricultural products due to the remoteness. Truck transport is horrendous and is therefore more expensive than the products themselves. The average GDP per capita is between one and two USD per day.



ELKAP, financed by the European Commission, the Province of Katanga and the Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie, will change Kapanga.



Main sponsor of ELKAP is the European Commission (Thematic Programme for Environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy).  
More information on [www.elkap.org](http://www.elkap.org).



## iv. Pastoral Projects

### Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral & Social Work

- Location: Africa and Asia
- Sector: Socio-pastoral
- Project Owner: Salvatorian General Council
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 134 priests in Africa and Asia; their parishes and the local communities (about 300,000 people); up to 45,000 individuals for whom the Mass intentions are celebrated each year
- Goal: To sustain the socio-pastoral activities of the Salvatorians in the developing world
- Activities: Prayers for people in spiritual and physical need
- Expected Results: The sustained priests are able to dedicate their time and energy entirely to their pastoral and social work in favour of the poor and marginalized
- Total Cost: 35,000 €
- Granted in 2012: 32,480 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Dioceses; Sanctuaries; Private Donors
- Time Frame: Ongoing

In all of the developing countries where they are present, the Salvatorians assist the poorest of the poor and try to give each person a life in dignity through their activities and projects in education and basic health care, as well as through catechesis and other pastoral work.

Every Salvatorian priest celebrates the Eucharist daily. When the priest has an intention, the Mass is celebrated for that intention (usually people who are troubled or ill and need to be prayed for) and the stipend is used for pastoral activity.

People in the West have the possibility, through these Mass intentions, to support Salvatorians in the South in the fulfilment of their mission. The intentions are celebrated by priests in the most neglected parts of the world together with the participating community of Christians, weaving an invisible "World Wide Web of prayer" across borders of space and time.

### Extension of the Salvatorian Theology Study House in Shillong, India

- Location: India, State of Meghalaya, Shillong
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: The Salvatorian students; about 25 parishes in India over the next 25 years



- Goal: To give the increasing number of theology students a proper formation in Theology
- Activities: Expansion of the Theology Study House with an extra floor
- Expected Results: A growing number of students formed and giving spiritual and socio-pastoral assistance to the local population in existing and newly-found mission parishes, thereby strengthening empowerment of the poor and enhancing human development in India
- Total Cost: 96,000 €
- Granted in 2012: 35,000 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Archdiocese of Freiburg; Archdiocese of Cologne (Germany)
- Time Frame: January 2012 – July 2013

The Salvatorian mission statement urges all Fathers and Brothers to serve people everywhere, to propagate the love of Christ and the Good News of the Gospel, as well as to work for peoples' fundamental rights regardless of their gender, race, religion, social background or political conviction. Therefore the Salvatorians spread out to all continents, and the Congregation's very first international mission was established at the end of the 19th century in Shillong, in North-East India.

The Theology Study House built and managed there by the Salvatorians is home to an increasing number of students and needs to be enlarged, to provide accommodation for 20 students.

The solid training received in Shillong helps newly-formed Salvatorians to implement the Congregation's values and to be an example in their pastoral and educational endeavour in India. According to their philosophy of assisting where need and poverty are worst, the Salvatorians focus their efforts on the country's North East which is strongly underdeveloped in comparison to the rest of the country.



### Workshop “Quality in Mission” in Rome, Italy

- Location: Italy, Rome, Salvatorian Headquarters
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian General Administration
- Status: Completed
- Beneficiaries: 17 leaders and instructors from across the Salvatorian Congregation worldwide; children and minors in 17 units of the Salvatorian Congregation
- Goal: Capacity building in the fields of Child Protection, Project Design and Management, Catholic Social Teaching / Justice and Peace
- Activities: Organization and execution of a five-day workshop on the themes of prevention of child abuse and protection of minors, social justice and Salvatorian apostolates, management aspects of apostolic work
- Results: 17 international Salvatorian leaders and instructors trained; newly acquired management skills implemented
- Total Cost: 20,000 €
- Granted in 2012: 9,400 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Misesan Cara (Ireland)
- Time Frame: 25-29 September 2012

This workshop was part of the lifelong learning and the endeavour for renewal that the Salvatorians are striving for. The training provided by international



experts enabled the participants from Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America to contribute, back in their specific working environment, to the empowerment of the marginalized and to the safeguard of children's rights. In particular, the trainees have improved their management skills and gained better knowledge about the drafting and implementation of appropriate child protection policies, knowledge from which a large number of people benefit now.

### Establishing a Printing Office for the Parish in Chókwè, Mozambique

- Location: Mozambique, Chókwè
- Sector: Socio-pastoral
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Mozambique
- Status: Completed
- Beneficiaries: Salvatorian parish priests; the local community (two parishes, Chókwè and Chilembe, with 34 chapels and about 160,000 inhabitants)
- Goal: To allow the local Salvatorian community to produce information materials for their pastoral work
- Activities: Construction of a one-room secretariat attached to the Salvatorian presbytery and equipment with basic media and printing devices
- Results: A secretariat equipped with printing devices; training and information materials produced in-house in a much less expensive and time-consuming way and with larger circulation, reaching more people
- Total Cost: 9,324 €
- Granted in 2012: 7,000 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Diocese of Essen (Germany)
- Time Frame: January 2012 – June 2012

The Salvatorian unit in Mozambique runs two large parishes, in Chókwè and Chilembe, with 34 chapels and about 160,000 inhabitants. The Salvatorians there are actively promoting spirituality and awareness raising about social topics. Apart from their ordinary parish work, they organize training workshops for the laity centred on Catechesis and Justice and Peace. Information and didactic material therefore needs to be printed regularly.

Thanks to the training material for pastoral work produced in the new printing office, more lay people among the population are developing a critical consciousness towards faith and issues such as unemployment, hunger, domestic violence, child-stealing, organ smuggling, trafficking, and ecological problems like high charcoal use. Life-saving information about HIV/AIDS is disseminated to youths, who are especially vulnerable and potential victims of the illness.

## Green Energy & Water for the Salvatorian Philosophy Study House in the Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Amadeo, Talon
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian East Asia unit
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 40 Salvatorian students; up to an additional 1,000 students over the next 25 years; the neighbourhood; the communities with whom the students will be working after their studies
- Goal: To remedy the inconveniences regarding water supply, waste water treatment and electricity, which arose due to the growing number of residents; to gain independence from expensive external electricity
- Activities: Construction of a solar powered waste water treatment system
- Expected Results: Reduced waste water's contamination potential; increased fresh water resources due to the re-utilization of purified water; prevention of stagnant water; reduced danger of Dengue fever; improved quality of life for the nearby residents thanks to the introduction of an ecological waste water scheme; best practice example for the local government's environmental policies; reduction of electricity costs
- Total Cost: 31,200 €
- Granted in 2012: 15,000 €
- Sponsors in 2012: Archdiocese of Cologne (Germany)
- Time Frame: May 2012 – January 2013

With 40 people accommodated in the Father Jordan Formation House in Talon, the house is almost full and the community is still expecting to grow. Due to the elevated number of residents, questions regarding water supply, waste water treatment and electricity are becoming more urgent: all waste water flows to the open canal along the road in front of the building, including the overflow from the septic tank. This causes inconvenience and complaints in the neighbourhood, because of bad odour, especially early morning when the bathrooms are used by many at the same time and during the dry season when the canal does not clean itself. The electricity for the pump is provided by a state-owned company and the electric bills are remarkably high.

In the course of this project, the existing old-fashioned and ecologically harmful water and energy system will be replaced by a solar powered waste water treatment system.



## V. Other Forms of Salvatorian Solidarity

In addition to SOFIA, the Salvatorians are involved in several other solidarity actions. The list below, which maps Salvatorian efforts totalling over 1.3 million €, gives a good impression of additional financial solidarity.

### i. Budget Support for Developing Units

The Salvatorian units in the D.R. Congo, Tanzania, India and the Philippines receive budget help for their ordinary needs (in 2012 1,214,260 €). Their budgets cover the necessities, costs for initial formation, and all basic activities of over 550 Salvatorians living in Cameroon, the Comoros Islands, the D.R. Congo, Tanzania, China, India, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka. The amount represents 82.67 % of the ordinary budgets and comes from four sources: regional Salvatorian development offices, Mass intentions, donations from Salvatorian units, and grants from the Society's international funds.

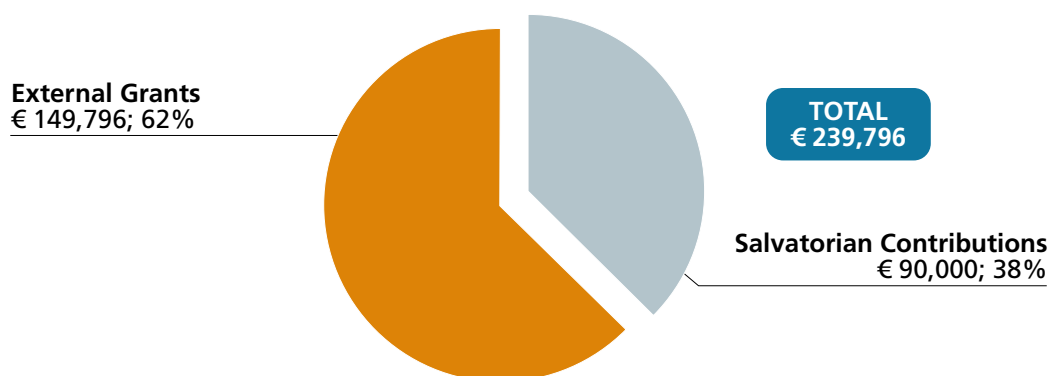
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BUDGET SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING UNITS		
<b>Through the Salvatorian Development Offices</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>655,000</b>
Austria	€	50,000
Belgium	€	125,000
Germany	€	210,000
Switzerland	€	80,000
USA	€	190,000
<b>Through Mass Intentions</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>94,460</b>
<b>Through Salvatorian Provinces</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>158,000</b>
Belgium	€	100,000
Spain	€	58,000
<b>Through Society Funds</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>306,800</b>
Project Fund	€	200,000
Formation Fund	€	106,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>1,214,260</b>

## ii. SOFIA Project Management and Promotion

Through the Society's Solidarity Fund, the Salvatorian General Council sponsored a large part (90,000 €) of SOFIA's operating costs for project management, promotion, and fundraising. The remaining 149,796 € came from private donors and funding agencies in the form of restricted gifts and grants. Thanks to the fact that project management costs and overhead expenses are covered separately in this manner, all other donations from agencies, dioceses, foundations and private donors for projects could go entirely to the projects in the developing countries.

### SOFIA Project Management & Promotion



## VI. Annual Turnover of SOFIA

In 2012 SOFIA's annual turnover was 1,410,526 €, which is an increase of 31% compared to 2011. In total 83% of the amount consisted of grants received for projects. Overhead for project management, promotion and fundraising took up only 17% of the turnover, and, as mentioned above, was financed through the Salvatorian Congregation and restricted gifts and grants.

### Annual turnover of SOFIA







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