



## ACTIVITY REPORT 2015





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# 1. Message from the President

I am pleased to present to you with our FMSI Annual Report 2015 where you will find a glimpse of the activities this Foundation has attempted to accomplish throughout the year. As you would observe there have been many blessings in our efforts of trying to achieve our goals. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to all including the members of our staff for their good will and generosity in doing their best to make a difference in the world of young people.

Among many activities, the one that was most significant was the carrying out of the Evaluation of FMSI. Having established it as a Foundation, a legal entity in Italy in 2007, it was opportune to see how we have been doing as a Foundation. Thanks to a professional team of Evaluators all aspects of the Foundation was studied involving its stakeholders. The members of the Board was satisfied with its report and recommendations that indicated a way forward for FMSI beyond 2016. Two of the major recommendations were accepted to be implemented: re-structuring of the Board and the office.

Consequently, with a view to strengthening the Board, a new team has been appointed including people with a different professional background. As from July 2016, I would continue as the President and the following members will be incorporated: Bro. Libardo Garzón (Econom General of the Marist Brothers' Institute, Italy) Mr. Gianfranco Cattai (President of the FOCSIV, Federation of Christian Organization for International Volunteer Service, Italy) Bro. Allen Sherry (Executive Director for Marist Solidarity in Australia), Mrs. Inmaculada Maillo (Centro Universitario Cardenal Cisneros, Spain) and Mrs. Jimena Djauara Grignani (Rede Marista de Solidariedade, Brazil). I would like to congratulate them for this appointment and thank them for having accepted the invitation to be members of this new Board.

I also would like to thank the outgoing Board – the members of the present General Council of the Institute of the Marist Brothers – for their pioneering work for the foundation.



Implementing the second recommendation of the Evaluation implies a modification of the present structure of FMSI, creating a new role of the Director General. The person holding this role will be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Foundation being accountable to the Board. At the time of writing, a selection process is taking place, with a view to offering a contract to a professional in this field to begin the work in January 2017.

I am pleased to share with you these changes taking place in our Foundation signaling that we are being sensitive to the changes happening in the world around us. We have been challenged by the Immigration Crisis in Europe, the calls of the Church and world leaders. Being conscious of these timely calls we would like to respond to some of them offering our contribution to make a difference in our world especially in the lives of the most vulnerable children and young people.

It is my wish, prayer and hope that 2016 and beyond will be a great place for us to work in the Foundation. Many thanks to all our benefactors in rallying around us in responding to “the cries of our fellow human beings”.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael De Waas', written over a horizontal line.

Michael De Waas fms  
May 01, 2016

## 2. Advocacy and lobbying for the rights of the child at the United Nations

### THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA, RWANDA AND PARAGUAY

FMSI submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council the reports for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of **Australia** and **Rwanda**.

The reports were submitted jointly with Franciscans International, Edmund Rice International, Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans, Destination Justice (Australia) and Franciscans International (Rwanda).

In the report on Australia, the human rights issues addressed were the rights of asylum seekers and refugees, the rights of the child, the rights of indigenous peoples, climate change and human trafficking.

Regarding the rights of the child, the report focused more specifically on:

- Children in immigration detention centres (with a recommendation to release the children and their families detained in Nauru and transfer them to Australia);
- Juvenile justice. The report recommends that Australia reviews its legislation in order to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years.

The report on Rwanda focused on:

- Right to education, regarding the quality of education and the disparity between public and private education. The report – among other things
- recommends to take further measures to guarantee

that children of all socio-economic backgrounds have access to an equal standard of education.

- Birth registration, recommending to take necessary measures to ensure the registration of all children immediately after birth through a simplified and inclusive registration procedure.

Since the drafting of the Universal Periodic Review on **Paraguay**, the FMSI is accountable for it, together with the Secretariat for Children and Young People. FMSI -as a civil society entity- has also adhered to events (meetings, plenaries, workshops, conferences, etc.) organized by the Coordinator for the Rights of Children and Young People (CDIA).

The UPR on Paraguay was drafted and presented in partnership with the above network. The objective of the report was to give visibility to the situation regarding the compliance on the rights of children and young people in Paraguay.

The main rights selected were: 1) poverty, 2) education, 3) protection, 4) health, 5) youth justice, 6) forced recruitment, 7) investments and data systems. Each section analyzes and studies in-depth the recommendations on the priorities the State of Paraguay should focus on.

The report has already been presented before the United Nations. The FMSI in Paraguay is responsible of monitoring the public political agenda of the country for the implementation of the recommendations.

Below and nearby on the next page: some moments of work of the staff of FMSI in Geneva.



### TAKING PART IN THE EXAMINATION OF CHILE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

In September 2015, the government of Chile had to face, once again, this mechanism of the United Nations. FMSI Cono Sur, together with its national allies (the University of Chile and ACHNU) and with the sponsorship of the BICE (Children's Catholic International Office) presented an alternative report. After studying it, the Committee summoned a State delegation to begin an interactive dialog. A group of experts drafted a list of questions to be answered by the representatives of the public entities.

On the grounds of what was mentioned above, the Committee issued 134 recommendations. The State was requested to guarantee the rights of the approximately four and a half million children and young people living in the country.

Both the State delegates, as well as the Committee, valued the contributions of the civil society organizations. For the future, FMSI hopes to keep giving its contribution based on the Marist experience gained through the direct assistance of almost 16 thousand children and young people living in Chile. Thus, we will keep moving towards the challenge of turning into "experts and advocates of children's rights"<sup>1</sup>.

### DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

"Towards better investment in the rights of the



child" (12 March 2015, Geneva, Switzerland). FMSI Geneva Office: Manel Mendoza, Evaristus Kasambwe, Patrick McNamara, Julian Olsen (intern), and Vicente Falchetto were attending this debate, as well as other international, regional and national organizations for the defence of the rights of children.

In its resolution 7/29 on the rights of the child adopted in March 2008, the Human Rights Council affirmed "its commitment to effectively integrate the rights of the child in its work and that of its mechanisms in a regular, systematic and transparent manner, taking into account specific needs of boys and girls". It also decided, "to incorporate into its programme of work sufficient time, at a minimum an annual full-day meeting, to discuss different specific themes on

FMSI participated in a side-event at the United Nations to discuss a legally binding instrument on business and human rights from a European perspective, which was organised by the Franciscans International. Vicente Sossai Falchetto and Julian Olsen were present.

The panel included: Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; Richard Meeran, a partner at Leigh Day, a legal firm that has fought against many multi-national companies; Elena Valencia, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights at the European Parliament; Jerome Bellion-Jourdan, Policy Officer for the Delegation of the European Union; and Anne van-Schaik from Friends of the Earth Europe.

In June 2011, the Human Rights Council of the United Nations unanimously had endorsed a set of guiding principles for business, in relation to human rights and based on three pillars: the State's duty to protect against human rights abuses by a business, the responsibility of a business to act with due diligence to avoid infringing on the rights of others, and finally, the access to remediation, which includes the state's duty to provide access to justice and the business' responsibility to prevent and remediate any infringements to which they have contributed.

These principles have been seen as an important move to align business with human rights, but many argue that they are not enough on their own and that we need a legally-binding instrument to complement them.

1. With Mary, go in haste to a new land! XXI General Chapter document of the Marist Brothers Institute (2009).





The participants in the activities of formation on the rights of children promoted by FMSI at the MAPAC (Marist Asia-Pacific Centre) of Manila, in the Philippines, October 2015.

the rights of the child, including the identification of challenges in the realization of the rights of the child, as well as measures and best practices that can be adopted by States and other stakeholders”.

In its resolution 25/6 on the rights of the child and access to justice for children, the Human Rights

Council decided to focus its next full-day meeting on the theme, “Towards better investment in the rights of the child”. Invited the High Commissioner to prepare a report on that issue, in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including States, the United Nations Children’s Fund.

### 3. Animation and training in children’s rights

In 2015, through its office in Geneva, the FMSI has organized one-day training courses and workshops on the UN Children’s Rights Convention and its assurance system for religious men, animators and educators of the Marist Brothers Institute. Especially:

- The FMSI was present at MAPAC (Marist Asia-Pacific Centre) in Manila – the Philippines, in October;

- Formation activities were organized at the Marist International Centre (MIC), for the young religious in Nairobi, Kenya.

In December, the young Brothers attending the MIC participated in a workshop in different fields, depending on their levels of study. Through this workshop the participants came to know more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights

of the Child, the UN bodies and mechanisms such as the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), FMSI’s role in advocacy, the African Charter and child protection.

#### **COUNTDOWN IN VIEW OF THE 20<sup>th</sup> OF NOVEMBER, UNIVERSAL CHILDREN’S DAY**

The FMSI this year wants to value even more the work done by the Marist children, teenagers and youth. Thus, instead of producing the traditional Advent Prayer Booklet for the year 2015, the FMSI has put in place a new tool to give them voice -in line with the principle of participation and the right to be heard.

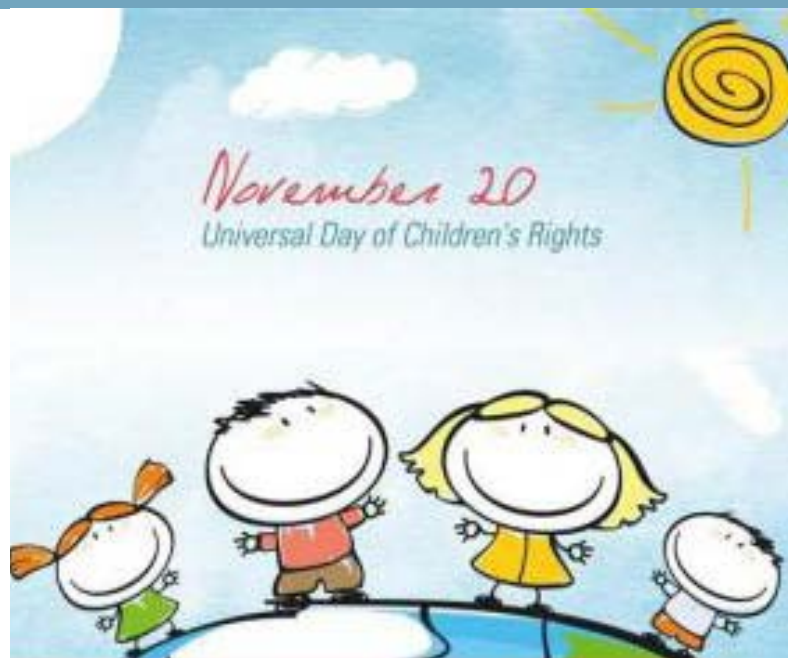
In view of the Universal Children’s Day, celebrated on November 20th, FMSI launched an initiative to call attention on the rights of the Child and to stimulate the debate on this theme.



In the preceding months, it was proposed to our students of the Marist world to reflect on the conditions of Infancy and on the implementation of the rights of minors in their own country, giving special attention to the recommendations made by the organisms of the UN proposed to the guardianship or protection of human rights.

The texts for children and boys of five countries, Australia, Brazil Chile, Guatemala and Madagascar, have been published on the site of FMSI and were proposed in the form of an E-Mail, which will be sent out every day for ten days up to November 20th, to friends, companions, supporters of the Foundation ... a way to give voice to the youth and invite them to reflection on the conditions of so many children regarding the present problems today.

The Universal Children's Day takes place on November 20th. The United Nations General Assembly in 1954 recommended its celebration. It aimed at encouraging all countries to establish an official day to: promote mutual exchange and understanding among children; launch an initiative to support and promote the well-being of children around the world; celebrate



The logotype of the initiative "Account up-side-down toward the 20 of November".

Children's Day annually.

November 20th is also the anniversary of the day in which the UN's General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child was also approved that same day in 1989, and since then 196 States have ratified it.

## 4. Activities with political impact

### **PUTTING AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN: supporting the campaign of the Global Movement for Children in Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Global Movement for Children in Latin America and the Caribbean is a coalition of international organizations working to promote and defend children's human rights. The Movement is also in touch with influential key figures on the topic such as: the UN representative on Violence against children, the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the representatives of the Children's Rights Committee from the Americas.

FMSI Cono Sur joined this alliance in 2014, facilitating the representation of the Marists from all over the Americas. The FMSI has been giving its contribution in the drafting of the Strategic Plan 2015-2018 of the GMC -LAC on corporal punishment and on the sustainable development goals.

As part of the Agenda Post-2015, the world governments committed to guarantee just, peaceful

and inclusive societies for all. In 2015 ambitious goals were set -to be accomplished by 2030- to bring about the vision of a world where all children can grow free from violence and exploitation.

### **LAUNCHING OF THE REPORT "INFANCIA CUENTA EN CHILE 2015"**

In October, the Childhood and Youth Observatory presented its third report on "Infancia Cuenta en Chile" (Children matter in Chile). This time it focused on the different kinds of child poverty existing in the country. Poverty levels were calculated according to the new multidimensional measurement presented by the Ministry of Social Development. This new approach uses an analysis which, not only considers the family's profits, but also takes into account the lack of education, health, work, social welfare and dwelling. A new type of commune, in order to describe four different profiles based on the different kinds of poverty. This puts in evidence the major inequalities

affecting children growing in poor, rural areas. (refer to the section on the projects).

**NATIONAL CHAPTER OF THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN IN CHILE against corporal punishment and degrading treatment on children**

Since 2014, FMSI Cono Sur has lead the creation of the national Chapter of the GMC-LAC in Chile. It currently includes eleven institutions with international ties and a few governmental bodies (i.e. the Television National Council).

In order to abolish corporal punishment and degrading treatment on children in Latin America, various activities have been carried out to raise awareness on this scourge. Thus, Mrs. Milena Grillo visited Chile –with the sponsorship of Save the Children- to attend some events and present her experience of advocacy in her country for the approval of a law that prohibits physical punishment on children.

She also spoke about the implementation of a public program of the Ministry of Health which aims at changing the attitudes within families for children to be brought up in a non-violent household. Costa Rica is a model of reference for Latin America and the Foundation played a key role in the overall process. Highlights among the activities developed are: a

meeting with the authorities of the GMC Chile institutions –organized to explain the social and political advocacy processes-; meetings with State bodies and a workshop where the issue was tackled within the framework of national legislative reforms. The latter had a high attendance, with the presence of representatives from the executive power, UNICEF and spokespersons from civil society.

**REQUEST TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE MASSACRE OF AYOTZINAPA**

In October 2014, the FMSI Cono Sur office, requested the Mexican government to carry out an expedite, independent and effective investigation on the dramatic events of the 26 of September, taking place in Iguala, in the State of Guerrero.

On that evening, a numerous group of students of the “Normal Rural” University “Raul Isidro Burgos” of Ayotzinapa were assaulted by the local police. The armed assault resulted in 6 students executed, over 40 wounded, 43 arrested and “desaparecidos” (missing). The official investigation file reports that both the Police and the Army were aware of the aggression and apprehension of the students.

A year later, based on the recommendations of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, the FMSI requested once more the Mexican authorities to reassess the investigation. The Marist Mexican Province and the Marist Solidarity Inter-American Network attended stood in solidarity with the families

On the left: a group of boys participates in the campaign “A deal for a good treatment”, promoted by Juventud para Cristo in Uruguay (Youth for Christ). Below: some of the partner entities of the World Movement for Children, of which FMSI Cono Sur is member.



of the missing students by attending various activities.

### **NETWORKING WITH OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS**

During the period 2014-2015, FMSI Cono Sur, has moved new steps towards an open dialog with social and religious organizations in several countries to promote the rights of children and young people.

In Uruguay, they officially became part of the national network “Children’s Rights Committee”, which monitors the implementation of the Children’s Rights Convention, as well as the situation of children at a national level. They also took part in the National Campaign “Un trato por el buen trato” (An agreement to be well treated), headed by the NGO “Youth for Christ”. Among the activities carried out within this framework: training courses for children and young people and a manifestation nearby the Legislative Palace of Uruguay to request the State to adopt a legislation that recognizes the right to be well treated. Something similar happened in Bolivia, where the Marists are part of the Departmental Consultative Council for the Rights of Children and Young People. As members, they presented a draft bill on the right to be well treated before the Legislative Assembly and the Governor of Santa Cruz. The bill was also promoted through the mass media.

### **FORMATION OF MARIST EDUCATORS ON CHILDREN’S RIGHTS**

One of the objectives of the FMSI Cono Sur Office is the formation of Marist educators to make them understand the rights’ approach and transform their pedagogic practices.

In Peru, the Marcelino Champagnat University of Lima, replicated a Diploma program on Human Rights and the Rights of Children and Young People. This program was boosted by the Marist sector of Peru, the Solidarity Team and the IFEJANT Organization and attempted to tackle Children’s Rights from a pedagogic perspective. Currently, they are considering starting a semi-virtual learning course, for those not living in the capital. Moreover, 98 Marist teachers participated in the third semi-virtual (blended learning) 6-months training course on Children’s Rights taking place in Chile. In addition, all the Marist schools in Chile organized training courses for the members of the pastoral care teams on a protagonist participation of children.

During the educators training courses, specific one-day workshops were given on the Integral Protection Protocol against abuses. This allowed to go in-depth on the topic and reflect on the local systems of comprehensive protection.

### **MARIST’S SCHOOLS ANIMATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK IN PERU**

Since a few years, the Marist schools of Peru promote



The staff of FMSI Cono Sur during some activities of formation and animation.

the Children’s Rights week (or month). This is an opportunity for the whole educational community to promote and commit in favor of the rights children and young people.

The week on human rights has been promoted within all the Marist works. Many were the creative initiatives carried out: mimes, games, marches, human rights fair, songs, etc.

### **WORKSHOP: “DIALOGS ON THE UN RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE URUGUAYAN STATE ON CHILDREN”**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, the FMSI organized in Uruguay a workshop together with the representatives of Edmund Rice (Christian Brothers) and Franciscans International. It was conceived as a space for reflection within the framework of the UN recommendations





to the state of Uruguay on the rights of children and young people.

The meeting included presentations made by experts on the topic. Juan Miguel Petit, UN former Rapporteur and currently Commissioner General for Prisons in Uruguay, introduced the general guidelines on the different mechanisms used by the United Nations to send out its recommendations to the Countries. He also explained the role of civil society in the monitoring of the States.

Jorge Ferrando, ex-director of the Uruguayan Institute for Children and Young People (INAU), introduced the main thrusts of the Uruguayan State on children and young people during the last two periods of government, as well as the main future challenges.

Last but not least, Luis Pedernera, member of the Children's Rights Committee of Uruguay, presented the challenges that social organizations face when it comes to children and young people. He also listed the general aspects that the Uruguayan society presented to the United Nations within the framework of the last Universal Periodic Review.

The concerns shared towards the end of the meeting, confirmed the importance of a Marist presence, as members of the Civil Society, for the defense of the rights of Uruguayan children and young people.

### **OPEN LETTER TO POPE FRANCIS ABOUT VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN**

In the open letter to Pope Francis, drafted by the FMSI Cono Sur Office, the Pontiff is expressly asked to support all initiatives aiming at making Latin America the first region in the world to prohibit corporal punishment on children and in favor of non-violent

educational methods -where "discipline becomes an authentic pedagogy on autonomy"- in line with the new sensitivities and the always greater ethical needs. The open letter to Pope Francis expresses trust and acknowledges that the Pope's work is "fully in tune with Latin America's fights to promote the dignity and rights of all, especially the most vulnerable". It also invites the Pope to "support the initiatives carried out in different parts of the world to put an end to violence on children and young people" in Latin America. A violence expressed in different ways (as a consequence of organized crime, domestic violence, etc.) and always allowed because in line with a "culture centered on the adult", which deprives children of their human rights.

### **EXPLORING "FRONTIER" AREAS FOR THE FOUNDATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES**

As part of the program boosted by the Marist Institute to celebrate its 200 years' anniversary, the FMSI Cono Sur office was entrusted with a survey to discover where a Marist presence in the region is mostly needed. At the end of September, a report was sent to the superiors which included: the results of the reviewed and updated bibliography, the interviews to the experts on children's rights and the contacts of the Church representatives.

The two areas initially chosen were: 1) the border region between Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay and 2) southern Argentina and Chile, where the indigenous population of the Mapuche density is highest. Considering how the international communities program developed, we chose to carry on exploring the second option: where the Mapuches' rights have been historically violated and high poverty levels have been reached.





Moulvibazar, Bangladesh. Br. Eugenio Sanz (on the left) in front of the school which is under construction.

## 5. Some of our projects

### A QUALITY INSTRUCTION FOR THE BOYS OF THE PLANTATION OF TEA OF MOULVIBAZAR IN BANGLADESH

- Moulvibazar, Bangladesh
- Local Partner: Marist Brothers
- Contribution: € 62,400
- Financing Body: Misesan Cara (Ireland)

Bangladesh has become famous because of its great tea plantations, particularly the region of Sylhet with its four Districts that count with 92 of the 163 plantations that exist in the country. One of the districts is called Moulvibazar: it is estimated that on a population of one million inhabitants, approximately 300,000 work in tea plantations, all belonging and are the property of foreign societies.

The life conditions of these people have always been precarious, because of the lack of adequate structures, the lack of the essential goods, particularly water, and a minimum efficient sanitary system.

In this scenario those who are worse are precisely the children, even if in regard to their peers of other districts, and the access to instruction – that it should be a fundamental right – it is one of the situations of greater difficulty and lacking more.

Among the first causes of all this lacking is the working of minors as a “normality”, which is still very diffused and which automatically withdraws the boys from the benches in school. It is useless to say that in this community their work is fundamental: they also gather baskets of leaves of tea and also they gain their part, from the moment that the pay is according to the number of baskets of leaves gathered.

Another problem is represented by the teachers: the majority of them do not have an adequate academic formation and there are even those who have not finished the cycle of studies.

Not to speak then of the secondary school, which does not exist in the villages within the plantations (where in fact the workers of tea live) and obviously the transportation at a great distance is complicated and costly. Another difficulty for the few who succeed to have access to the secondary school is the discrimination that they suffer. Many of the families of the workers are migrants and they belong to different tribes (Garo, Santal, Orao...) of another ethnic group and their mother tongue is not bangla. From here come linguistic difficulties as is evident, that complicate the already existing great problems for learning due to the fact that they come from rural schools, of an inferior level in regard to those of the urban area... And to this





Br. Eugenio Sanz with children from the tea plantation in Mouloubazar, in Bangladesh.

we add an economic situation decidedly interior and the general picture becomes almost complete...

In order to face this alarming problem, five years ago, the Episcopal Conference of Bangladesh invited the Marist Brothers to the region, who are known educators, already working actively in other Asiatic countries, to contribute to the formation of the boys. FMSI, in collaboration with the Irish organization

### **CHILDREN COUNT IN CHILE. AN OBSERVATORY FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

Santiago, Chile

Local Partner: Marist Brothers

Contribution: € 5,100

Financing Body: FMSI

In Chile, children and adolescents are among the most vulnerable groups of the population: the situation of poverty is larger among people under 18 years of age than in the rest of the population, and this seriously affects their possibilities of development.

Youth poverty and marginalization are even more pronounced for girls, ethnic minorities and in the remote areas of the country.

Misean Cara, has sustained a project presented by them based in Mouloubazar. The principal objective: to give the possibility of quality primary and secondary instruction to the sons of the workers of the plantations of tea.

Substantially the project consists above all in the construction of a secondary school close to the plantations of tea, with the purpose precisely of promoting secondary instruction in the zone. It is a question contemporarily, to strengthen the network of primary schools which already exist, above all improving the didactics through the formation of the local teachers. And as a third action to monitor those boys who abandon school. All these actions are directed in close collaboration with the Diocese of Sylhet.

It is important to underline that the school, almost finished, will be opened not only to boys of the plantations, but also to other social groups, notoriously, wealthy (Muslims, Hindu) with the two-fold purpose of assuring economic sustainability and favoring a better social integration among the ethnical groups and religions.

The direct beneficiaries of the project are initially 300: 150 boys and 150 girls, to which we have to add 30 teachers of the local primary schools who participate to the course of formation. Indirectly the project will be beneficial also to 10,000 persons residing in the area, gradually creating new perspectives of life and of work.

In the southern zone of the country there is the higher rate of children and adolescents living in poverty and in the same area there is the highest rate of reports of intra-family violence. According to the UNICEF survey, approximately 75% of children and young people are victims of violence in the family of origin and/or abandoned from the parents. In the extreme south, the region of Aysén has the highest percentage of drugs consumption among the adolescents from 10 to 17 years of age.

Children and adolescents are also the groups less considered and involved when public policies are discussed and decided, even if these influence them directly. In fact government is often more concerned with issues which affect the adult population, the one that possesses the right to vote and can show support to politicians.



Beside the above reasons, youth are invisible because there are not comprehensible data about their situation, particularly on vulnerable groups, about specific violations of their rights and inequalities that persist between rural and urban areas. The civil society, engaged in promoting children and adolescents in the country, needs solid and objective tools to orient its work and be agent of a structural change. Information based on official data on the reality of children and adolescents from the perspective of the human rights and showing the gaps that are hidden in the average data, are important instruments to influence the Government decision making, the setting of its agenda and implementation of processes.

In this context, the project promoted by FMSI Cono Sur together with other national organizations and financed by the Irish agency Misesan Cara, aims at developing a national "Observatory of Children and Adolescents" in Chile, to generate information and baseline data on the situation of children and adolescents in the country and promote advocacy initiatives for the fulfilment of their rights.

### PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY EBOLA DISEASE IN LIBERIA

Monrovia, Liberia

Local Partner: Marist Brothers

Contribution: € 25,000

Financing Body: Italian Bishops' Conference, Caritas Italiana

The Ebola outbreak in Liberia has had a paralyzing



The Observatory has the following tasks:

a) Monitoring: to generate information on the situation of the children and adolescents in Chile, using the model of "monitoring through baseline data" and identify the child rights violations especially regarding the marginalized groups of children and adolescents, who are often "invisible" in the statistics.

b) Communication and awareness: to disseminate the relevant data and build knowledge on the situation of the children and adolescents. This contributes to implement effective programs addressed to children and adolescents and the capacity to influence authorities and other stakeholders.

c) Advocacy: to urge the development of public policies and the legislative framework for the rights of the children; the implementation of concrete initiatives at national and local level to address the child rights violations. Specifically for this purpose, the Observatory works in network with civil society organizations, Universities and Institutions of United Nations (especially UNICEF) to exercise influence on the National and local Governments.

effect on the daily lives of its citizens and a damaging effect on family ties. The disease led many poor people into greater poverty and many were forced to leave the communities because they became contagious. In addition, the violence and fear resulting from the disease has led to the psychological marking of many children.

Many children were orphaned by the disease. Along with the experience of mourning and marginalisation, they lost the financial support which would enable them to resume a normal life and carry on with school activities.

Once the immediate needs for food and support had been taken care of, it was essential to begin psychological- and social- support activities in order to re-establish community and family ties.

It was also necessary to continue to strengthen the awareness of people about Ebola, how it spreads and how to prevent it. Schools were a key location fighting against the virus, because they are places at high-risk of infection and can play an important role in teaching preventive behaviors, awareness and psychosocial support, reaching a high number of people, especially

Distribution of material for the prevention of the virus ebola in Monrovia.

young children.

In the capital, Monrovia, the Marist Brothers administer a primary and secondary school (Shirley Kolmer Catholic School) together with the organization of social activities.

Following the outbreak of Ebola in Monrovia, the Brothers undertook an initial three-month response which includes: the provision of a food basket to 60 poor families of the community, a preventive health care program comprising house visits by a group of care assistants, training in virus prevention, and the collection of data on the situation and the spread of risk.

The new project was developed by the Marist Brothers of Liberia, with two objectives:

- a) To assist school communities of Monrovia in the resumption of educational activities and awareness and prevention of the spread of the Ebola virus
- b) Provide psychosocial support to children and families of the community of Barnersville and particularly children with special needs.

There were several different activities:

- Provision of prevention material and implementation

of “awareness-raising” activities for students, teachers and parents to ensure awareness of all preventive measures.

- Implementation of psychosocial support activities for children.

- Support to 25 orphans and to the families who host them through a scholarship that allows students to continue the school year.

- Project monitoring, coordination meetings and exchange of information with AIFO.

The results:

- Application of an Ebola prevention program in 15 schools.
- School activities in all 15 schools re-started in a healthy and protected environment, for the benefit of 10,235 young students of both sexes.
- 52 teachers and many students of different ages have been trained as agents to help fight the Ebola virus. They may use their skills in other contexts.
- All students, particularly the smaller ones, were able to take part to psychosocial support activities in which they were helped to overcome personal trauma.

A group of students who participated in the program of prevention of the virus ebola in Monrovia, in Liberia.



## EQUIPMENT FOR THE CENTER OF FORMATION ST. THERESE OF NAIROBI

Nairobi, Kenya  
Local Partner: Missionary Family Donum Dei  
Contribution: € 4,000  
Financing Body: FMSI

Thanks to this project, 65 girls are now ready to cook and bake a competence which will be very useful in looking for a job.

The Center of formation St. Therese of Nairobi was founded in 1996 and is one of the missionary works of the Donum Dei Family in Kenya. Its work is the professional formation of disadvantaged girls, especially those coming from the slums of Kibera, Dagoretti, Kawangware, in Nairobi. The Center offers formation in various fields, among which cooking, domestic economy, reception, and informatics; it gives good results and offers concrete opportunities of work to the girls.

In 2015 there were many petitions to extend the formative activity and increase the number of inscriptions in the Center. Sister Georgette Sawadogo, the Directress of St. Therese, thought of beginning a course in pastry and bakery, in which the girls can learn to make products in the oven and sell them.

The project for the purchase of the oven was

## SUPPORT TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF NEAPI IN CHIAPAS

Las Margaritas and La Independencia, Mexico  
Local Partner: Marist Mission of Guadalupe, NEAPI  
Contribution: € 5,000  
Financing Body: FMSI

With the support of FMSI a two year program was begun of a secondary school for the indigenous people, which proposes among other things, formation in "permacultura", a form of sustainable and profitable agriculture, alternative to that of the great extensions that impoverish the peasant world and the indigenous people. There are 35 formed boys, from 8 communities of the Municipality of Las Margaritas and La Independencia. The educational program NEAPI (Nueva Educación Autónoma de los Pueblos



Some girls have practice in the kitchen of the St. Therese Training Center.



presented to FMSI with the guarantee of the then Marist Provincial of Central-Eastern Africa, Br. Valentin Djawu. According to Br. Valentin, "in Nairobi the slums are well known for their poverty and scarcity of the conditions of life. This course will contribute to the formation of the young girls of the slums of Kibera, Dagoretti and Kawangware and will also be for the benefit of their families. For the girls it will be a school of life. I am sure that the project will be carried out and supported by the Sisters of Donum Dei thanks to their experience in the management of projects". The Center of formation St. Theresa for some formative activities, especially those of cooking and hospitality, supports itself in the Roussell House in Nairobi, a structure of reception administered with great success by the Missionaries of the "Donum Dei" Family.

Indígenas), NEW AUTONOMOUS EDUCATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE) was begun in the 90's after the armed conflict of the region of Chiapas, it proposes to offer a formation for the local indigenous minority, integrated with their system of life and their culture, in order to encourage the young people to live with dignity in their land. The didactic methodology values in fact, some characteristics of the indigenous culture: cooperative work, decisions in assembly, schedules compatible with the daily occupations, curriculum adapted to real needs. School learning is thought in such a way to integrate it perfectly with what is learnt at home, in such a way that the boys may move in one only educational context home-school-community. The intervention FMSI is inserted in a vaster program of the "Marist Work Mission of Guadalupe" which, after years of experience of primary school, has decided to begin courses of secondary school.





## TRAINING THE LEADERS OF INNOVATIVE AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS FOR A NEW AFRICA

Kenya, Madagascar, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Tanzania, Central African Republic.

Local Partner: Superiors' Marist Conference of Africa  
Contribution: € 50,230

Financing Body: Porticus (the Netherlands)

The African continent, has always been the victim of inequalities when it comes to the distribution of its resources. Most people work in the agricultural sector and are often exploited by the foreign multinationals or depend on agriculture for survival and are considered to be under the threshold of poverty.

The first victims of this congenital precariousness are, as always, the young boys and even more the young girls. Especially if you consider their chances of getting a quality education, in order to improve their status.

The Marist brothers -present in 20 out of 54 African countries- since their arrival to the continent as missionaries a century ago, had as their main focus the education of children and youth. The latter was the main scope of their presence and the focus of their mission. The missionaries work consisted in teaching culture, spirituality and working skills.

Many are the youngsters joined our Institute after studying in our schools. Today, those brothers, are the ones in charge of bringing forward Marist education in their countries.

The Institute, through the Mission Secretariat in Africa,

felt the need to update and enhance the formation of these new school leaders. Thus, to pay more attention and be tuned in the needs of the new African generations and be capable of giving new answers to their needs and aspirations.

The Project "New Horizons: an authentic and renewed leadership for a new Africa", intends to offer to those in charge of the Marist schools -as well as other schools where there is collaboration- a set of guidelines, called "horizons", capable of rekindle the daily life of the centers and bring about new ideas, in line with the current expectations and needs of the youth – which also in Africa are different from the needs identified decades ago.

More than 200 persons are somehow involved in the three residential training workshops (two or more from each one of the 70 Marist's schools, 25 from other non-Marist schools and some guests.)

The first workshop for school leaders took place in Nairobi, from the 27th of July to the 8th of August, with participants from Madagascar, DRC, Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and the Central African Republic.

The next two workshops will take place throughout 2016: from the 18th-30th of April and from the 8th to the 20th of August.

The first one will take place in Johannesburg-South Africa, bringing together the leaders of the schools of Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola and South Africa. The one in August will take place in Ghana and will involve the Marist schools in Ghana, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Chad and Nigeria.

The school leaders, generally described as “custodians of order, discipline and of the positive image of their center,” are introduced to a much broader definition of their role.

The first horizon offers an updated reading of current Africa, with its migration flows, globalization and the deep social and economic differences that characterize it.

The second horizon focuses on horizontal and participatory leadership.

The third horizon suggests an inclusive leadership, that focuses on children’s rights, on the composition of conflicts and reconciliation. Basic and innovative elements for many African cultures.

The fourth horizon aims at future education: proactive participation, promoting the role of women, raising awareness on our accountability regarding political and social injustices which generate poverty and illegality.

The fifth horizon suggests the Christian paradigm of authority seen as service. Which translates into listening and taking care of people, establishing simple relationships and openness.

The sixth horizon tackles the practical aspects of management: organizational skills, strategic planning, drafting a financial school budget and balance.

Already during the second workshop, and even more during the third one, the attempt is to lay the foundations for phase two. Phase two foresees the dissemination of the basic guidelines of the course at a local level, involving as many members of each staff team and mostly from other schools of the territory which share similarities with the Marist education.

The FMSI, was the coordinator of the project since it was drafted as well as the fund-raiser. We found important partners, who immediately understood the meaning and scope of the initiative and contributed generously to its undertaking. We would like to take also this opportunity to thank the Dutch Foundation “Porticus”, the Irish Foundation Misean Cara and SED the Spanish NGO for their support.

Approximately 200 school directors and collaborators,



On the left: a participant in the course in front of the see of the course who shows the banner of the event. Below: a moment of the formation in Nairobi, with the speaker David Hall. On the previous page: the group of participants at the workshop in Nairobi.





were or will be given the possibility to obtain the necessary skills and knowledge to change their understanding of their role and be enabled to share skills and best practices with their co-workers. The head masters have to work with the teachers, the

parents, the students and the collaborators of their school in order to serve in a new way the community of reference and create a new culture and opportunities of growth and dialog. On the long term, the project will surely bring about a positive renewal of Africa.

### **EQUIPMENT AND SUBSIDIES FOR THE MARIST NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL OF VIYAZHANMEDU**

- Trichy, India
- Local Partner: Marist Brothers
- Contribution: € 4,600
- Financing Body: FMSI and MFMV (Germany)

Thanks to this project the 59 children of the Marist School of Viyazhanmedu benefit of an adequate space or place to learn how to play and other children will benefit from this in the next years. Viyazhanmedu is a village of the District of Trichy; it is in the periphery and is surrounded by other 18 small centers with a total population of 5,100 inhabitants, 27% of whom are children. There are Primary and Secondary public

schools in the District, but frequently they are far away from the villages and are not accessible to those

families who are not able to pay for the transportation. According to a government investigation, in fact, the inhabitants of this zone, who principally work in cultivating rice and sugar cane, and their place is in the most disadvantaged phase of the Indian population. In order to improve their own instable and discriminating socio-economic condition, the people of Viyazhanmedu need to be improved aiming at instruction as the only possible factor of change.

For this reason in June 2015, the Marist Brothers have begun a children's home and a Primary School, with the objective of offering a basic quality instruction in English, to the children of the zone who come from families with a low income, and who cannot afford to send their children to the schools in the city.

With this project the school has been given equipment and subsidies for the classrooms and the yard. All this is thanks to the generous contribution of Maristen-Fuersorge-und Missionsverein di Furth, in Germany, an entity of the Marist Brothers of the Central-Eastern European Province which supports the initiatives of FMSI.



The children of the Nursery and the Elementary School of Viyazhanmedu play with the new equipment bought thanks to the micro-project of FMSI and the contribution of Maristen-Fuersorge und Missionsverein.





## WORK FOR REPAIRS IN THE SECONDARY MARIST SCHOOL OF MANHIÇA

Maputo, Mozambique  
Local Partner: Marist Brothers  
Contribution: € 5,000  
Financing Body: FMSI

Manhiça is in the Province of Maputo, approximately 80 kilometers to the North-East of the capital. The Marist Brothers have a primary and secondary school here with approximately 1,600 pupils. The school is in a rural zone, inhabited by persons with scarce means: the average family lives in a simple brick house, only 20% of the population have electricity and water available; the principal economic activities are agriculture for subsistence, farming animals and trade in a small scale.

Some of the students of the Marist School of Manhiça are not able to pay the fee and the Brothers do not dispose of large resources, and for this reason they find themselves in difficulty when it is a question of some extraordinary intervention, as those which were necessary at the beginning of 2015, after the school was struck by a violent storm which damaged the buildings of the secondary school; it is not the first time that this happens; already in 2013 FMSI

## COMPLETION OF 3 CLASSROOMS IN THE SR. SHIRLEY KOLMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF MONROVIA

Monrovia, Liberia  
Local Partner: Marist Brothers  
Contribution: € 4,400  
Financing Body: FMSI



The classrooms of the school of Manhiça after they were repaired.



intervened with a micro project to remedy the damage done by a hurricane.

With this micro project the Marist Brothers have been able to complete the work of repairs that they needed: now there are new benches, plaster, new windows and doors, and the pupils from the secondary school benefit from an adequate environment.

There are 150 more students who every year, thanks to the project, will be able to have access to the Sr. Shirley Kolmer Catholic Memorial School in Monrovia.

The school belongs to the Archdiocese of Monrovia and is directed by the Marist Brothers since 2005. With a population of more than 800 students and the petitions for inscription increasing, it had only 14 classrooms. In order to adapt the structure, the Marist Brothers began the construction of another wing with 6 new classrooms. The first three were constructed with the contribution of SED – Solidarity-Education-Development, a Spanish Marist NGO. There was lacking the work to complete the new classes for the functioning of the new classrooms: plaster, painting, floor and the installation of the doors, and this was carried out with the micro-project of FMSI.

A worker at work paints an external corridor of the school.

## 6. Networking

It was an idea we had since a long time: creating a global network of NGO's and other bodies that promote solidarity, volunteering and children's rights issues within the Marist Institute. The first of four meetings by geographical regions took place in Guatemala City from the 17th to the 19th of August.

From the Cono Sud Region attended: "Fundación Marista", active in Argentina, Uruguay e Paraguay; "Fundación Gesta" established in Chile and "Sembrar" active in Bolivia through social, educational and pastoral projects.

From Brazil attended the delegates of UMBRASIL, national coordination center of all the initiatives of all the entities: IMS (Solidarity Marist Institute), IMAS (Social Assistance Marist Institute), AVESOL (Volunteering and Solidarity Association), the Defense Center (for youth and children's rights) and the rights observatory at local and national level.

The Arco Nord region presented FUNDEMAR, operating in Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador, and FUNDAMAR with a registered office in Guatemala and offices and projects in various countries of Central America. EDUCADYS from the Mexico Central Province, as well as the Social Pastoral Care Office of the Western Mexico Marist Province. Also Br. John Healy and Br. Eladio Gonzales attended and witnessed about

The group of participants at the encounter of the Marist NGO's which was held in the City of Guatemala from the 17 to 19 of August 2015.



the solidarity taking place in the US. Only Canada couldn't be present. FMSI was represented by Mario Meuti, Manel Mendoza, Vicente Falchetto and Álvaro Sepúlveda responsible of FMSI Cono Sur.

The third day was the most important: building the network of Marist entities connected with FMSI. Even though in America a network called "Corazón Solidario" already existed since many years, after a careful exam it became clear the difference between operating as Marist entities and uniting under a single heading: FMSI, for all topics regarding the promotion of children's rights.

In order to dialog with other networks and socio-political bodies, we must immediately be recognized and identified as a voice representing Civil Society and the FMSI, with a consultative status before the Social and Economic Council of the UN, as well as with a presence in Geneva. FMSI Cono Sur has lead the way, carrying out public actions before the Global Movement for Children (GMC) and other forums... This is exactly on what is grounded the hypothesis of FMSI America: under which all the Marist NGO's and other recognized bodies will be gathered, as well as the Marist provinces with their solidarity and social works offices.

A second meeting was organized in Rome on the 5th, 6th and 7th of October. At the meeting attended those in charge of the NGO's and the Solidarity office of the Marist Institute in Europe.

The themes tackled are connected with the ones presented to the NGO's of the Americas during the meeting in Guatemala City. Among the main objectives we have the following:

- Sharing the planning of the animation work of solidarity and the promotion of children's rights within the Institute;
- Encouraging the inclusion of children related topics within the solidarity Marist bodies;
- Strengthening networking among Marist NGO's and other Marist Solidarity bodies;
- Reflecting on solidarity within the Marist Institute;
- Suggesting adopting a children's protection policy;
- Laying the ground work for a Marist NGO's network by identifying objectives and priorities.

The organizers of the meeting were Manel Mendoza and Mario Meuti, the FMSI directors. “We want to lay the ground work for a future network of Marist NGO’s”, said Manel while highlighting that “We are still missing Africa and the Asia-Pacific Region”.

He also stressed that the objectives of the meeting held in Rome were to “get to know the different organizations and what they do and evaluate the possibility for the NGO’s to adopt a children’s protection policy.

In connection with the non-Marist bodies, the Foundation has started

new collaborations and renewed the existing ones with FOCSIV (Volunteering International Service of the Christian Organizations Federation), Franciscans International, BICE (Bureau International Catholique

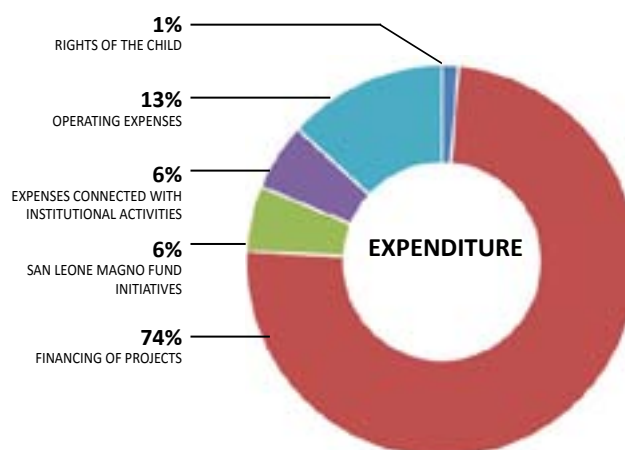
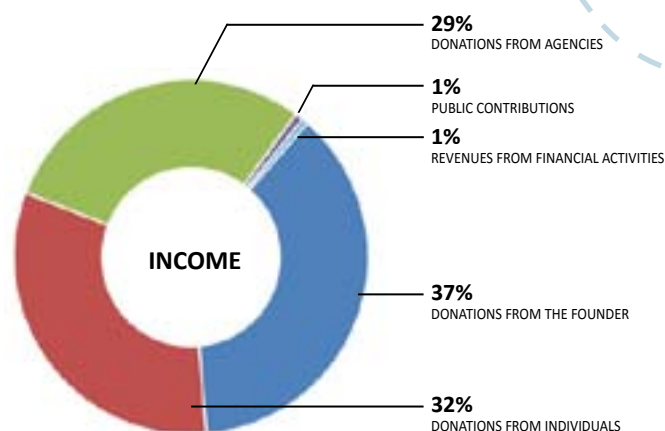
de l’Enfance), CCIG (Centre Catholique International Genève) actively participating in the Board of Directors, GMC-LAC (Global Movement for Children in Latin America and the Caribbean).



The participants at the encounter of the Marist NGO’s held in Rome, in the General House of the Institute (5-7 October 2015).

## 7. Financial report

INCOME		Euros
Donations from the Founder	206,841.90	
Donations from individuals*	179,415.97	
Donations from agencies**	162,443.61	
Public contributions	4,185.34	
Revenues from financial activities	2,914.78	
<b>Total</b>	<b>555,801.60</b>	
EXPENDITURE		Euros
Activities for the rights of the child	8,279.00	
Financing of projects	436,631.72	
San Leone Magno Fund initiatives	31,844.90	
Expenses connected with instit. activities	32,771.76	
Operating expenses	77,324.21	
<b>Total</b>	<b>586,851.59</b>	
Surplus of previous year	138,765.30	
<b>Balance as of 31/12/2015</b>	<b>107,715.31</b>	



### INCOME

**Donations from the Founder:** the General House of the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools is the Founder of FMSI and its principal donor. Apart from the financial support that the General House bestows on the Foundation each year, the Institute also gives allocates rooms and services, as well as personnel, free of cost.

**Donations from individuals:** this applies to the amounts received, directly or from the Marist Provinces and institutions, from friends and benefactors of the Foundation who desire to contribute to its projects and programmes for the benefit of children. The amount includes donations from the San Leone Magno school community for the San Leone Magno Solidarity Fund, established with FMSI.

**Donations from agencies:** this corresponds to the financing received from private organizations for carrying out specific projects.

**Public contributions:** "5x1000" that the Italian taxpayers can allocate for an organization with a social utility purpose.

**Revenues from financial activities:** the rubric refers mainly to the results of the financial management of the patrimony of the Foundation (yield from securities and sale of securities).

\* Of which 33,670 Euros for the San Leone Magno Solidarity Fund, 145.745,97 Euros for other institutional activities.

\*\* In addition, FMSI contributed to other projects through the seeking of funds (105,000 Euros) that were directly disbursed by the funding agency to the partner of FMSI in loco.

## EXPENDITURE

**Activities to promote and protect the rights of the child:** expenses incurred by the Foundation for children's rights training and project design.

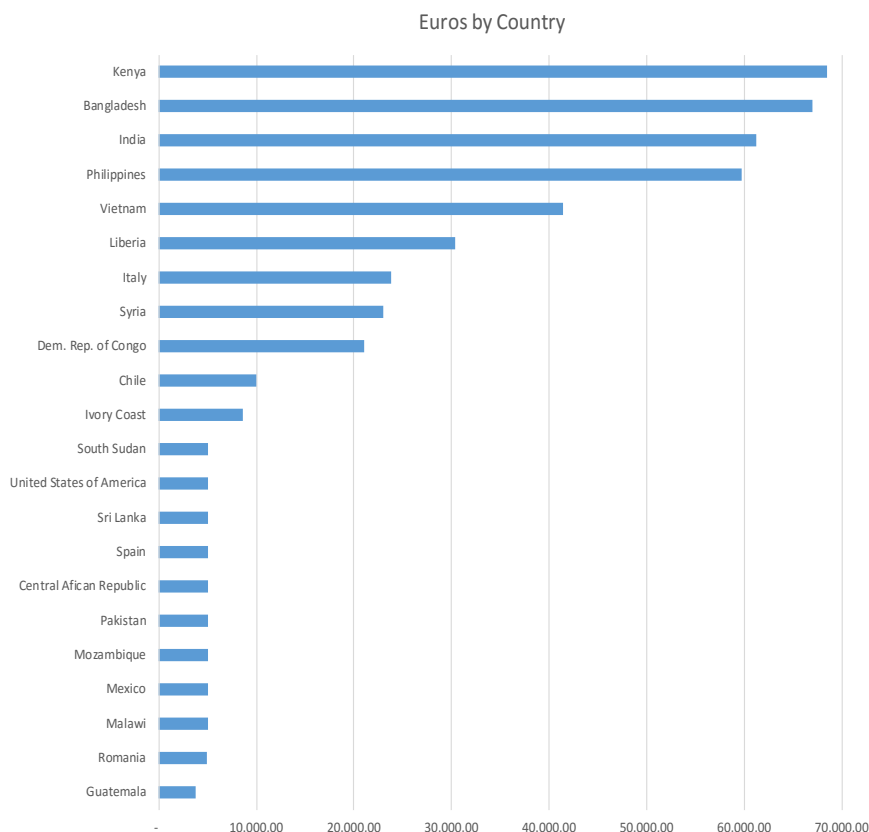
**Financing of projects:** money disbursed by the Foundation for projects for disadvantaged children and youth (see the complete list in Annex 1).

**San Leone Magno Fund initiatives:** money provided for the framework of the San Leone Magno Solidarity Fund, for solidarity projects and scholarships for disadvantaged students (included in Annex 1).

**Accessory expenses to institutional activities:** this corresponds to the operating costs in the carrying out of activities related to the projects and the advocacy for child rights.

**Operating expenses:** expenses associated with the ordinary running of the Foundation's offices. The figure does not include the headquarters' location, the services and salaries of the personnel made available freely by the Founder, as a supplementary contribution to carrying out the Foundation's objectives.

PROJECT FUNDING BY COUNTRY*	Euros		
Kenya	68,500.00	Malawi	5,000.00
Bangladesh	67,000.72	Mexico	5,000.00
India	61,191.00	Mozambique	5,000.00
Philippines	59,700.00	Pakistan	5,000.00
Vietnam	41,470.00	Central African Republic	5,000.00
Liberia	30,400.00	Spain	5,000.00
Italy	23,844.90	Sri Lanka	5,000.00
Syria	23,000.00	United States of America	5,000.00
Democratic Republic of Congo	21,000.00	South Sudan	5,000.00
Chile	10,000.00	Romania	4,950.00
Ivory Coast	8,620.00	Guatemala	3,800.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>468,476.62</b>



\*Including the San Leone Magno Fund initiatives.

## 8. Our donors

### **MARIST BODIES**

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Provincia d'Italia dei Fratelli Maristi, Italy  
Marist Province of América Central  
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Marist Province of Norandina  
Marist Province of the United Sates  
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Porticus, the Netherlands  
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# 9. Our partners



## Annex 1: Projects list

Country	Project	Local Partner	Contribution in Euros	Financing or co-financing Body
Bangladesh	National workshop on children's protection within catholic institutions	BICE (Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance), Marist Brothers	4,600.00	
	Access to education for the children of the tea plantations in Moulovibazar	Marist Brothers	62,400.72	Misean Cara (Ireland)
C. African Republic	Assistance Project to meet the primary needs of the population of Berberati	Marist Brothers	5,000.00	
Chile	Support to the National Children and Youth Observatory in Santiago	Marist Brothers	5,100.00	
	Support to communication campaigns for children's rights in Latin America	Gesta (Marist Solidarity Foundation)	4,900.00	
Dem. Rep. of Congo	Primary School for the displaced children of Bobandana	Marist Brothers	21,000.00	Porticus (the Netherlands), MFMV(Germany)
Guatemala	Education and health care for the girls of the S. Maria de la Preciosissima Sangre Center in San Raymundo	Fundamar (Marist Foundation)	3,800.00	
India	Equipment and financial aids for the Marist Kinder-Garden and Elementary school in Viyazhanmedu	Marist Brothers	4,600.00	
	S. Marcellin High School for the Dalit children of Mangamanuthu	Marist Brothers	56,591.00	Italian Bishops Conference
Italy	Contributions for disadvantaged young people in Rome	Institute St. Leone Magno	23,844.90	Ex-Alumni Assoc. San Leone Magno (Italy)
Ivory Coast	Not one less - boosting schooling in Western Africa	Marist Mediterranea Province	4,000.00	Ex-Alumni Assoc. San Leone Magno (Italy)
	Repairing of the health facilities in the Marist school in Bouaké	Marist Brothers, St. Marcellin Champagnat Educational Center	4,620.00	
Kenya	A vegetables garden for the young girls of the Novitiate in Meru	Novitiate Sister of Nazareth	4,280.00	
	NEW HORIZONS: Formation Project for school directors and teachers in Africa	Superiors' Marist Conference of Africa	50,230.00	Porticus (the Netherlands)
	Making the world a better place for children: promotion and protection of children's rights in Africa	Superiors' Marist Conference of Africa and Madagascar	9,990.00	Misean Cara (Ireland)

Kenya	Equipment for the training center St. Therese in Nairobi	Missionary Family Donum Dei	4,000.00	Ex-Alumni Assoc. San Leone Magno (Italy)
Liberia	Completion of three classrooms in Sr. Shirley Kolmer's Catholic School in Monrovia	Marist Brothers	4,400.00	
	Educational and psycho-social assistance program against the Ebola virus in Monrovia	Marist Brothers	1,000.00	Marist Sisters (Italy)
	Psycho-social support for the school communities affected by the Ebola virus in the Barnersville Distric, Monrovia	Marist Brothers	25,000.00	Italian Bishops Conference/ Caritas Italy
Malawi	Training activities for the orphans of the Fatima Parish in Chikwawa	Diocese of Chikwawa	5,000.00	
Mexico	Financial support to NEAPI Secondary School in Chiapas	NEAPI (New Autonomous Education of the Indigenous Peoples)	5,000.00	
Mozambique	Repairs in the Marist secondary school of Manhica	Marist Brothers	5,000.00	
Pakistan	Costruction of a mini-auditorium in the Marist secondary school of Sargodha	Catholic School of Sargodha	5,000.00	
Romania	Education and volunteering in Chitila (Bucarest)- today and tomorrow	Association Acuma	4,950.00	
Southern Sudan	Scholarships for the students of the Solidarity Teacher Training College in Yambio	Solidarity with South Sudan	5,000.00	
Spain	Supporting the handicraft workshop for disadvantaged young people in Alcantarilla	Marist Social Work in Alcantarilla	5,000.00	
Sri Lanka	Equipment for the farm in Tudella	Marist Brothers	5,000.00	
Syria	Assistence to meet the primary needs and schooling activities of the displaced people (children and families) of Aleppo	Marist Brothers	23,000.00	
the Philippines	IT and science lab equipment for the Notre Dame school in Jaro	Oblate Sisters of Notre Dame	59,700.00	
USA	Support of the educational activities for the migrants hosted by the Juan Diego Community in New York	Marist Brothers, Archdiocese of New York	5,000.00	
Vietnam	New Horizons Project - Training and promotion of the young people in Hanoi	CSDS (Centre for Sustainable Development Studies)	41,470.00	



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