

**FMSI'GLOBAL STRATEGY 2017-2022:**  
**A BETTER WORLD FOR CHILDREN**



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## CONTEXT

Around the world, millions of children are denied **their rights** and deprived of what they need to grow up healthy and strong – because of their place of birth; because of their ethnicity or gender; or because they have a disability or live in poverty.

-Around the world, children make up **nearly half of the almost 900 million people living on less than US\$1.90 a day**

-Despite great progress, the number of children aged 6 to 11 who are out of school has increased since 2011. About **124 million children and adolescents do not attend school**

-Nearly 250 million children live in countries and areas affected by armed conflict and millions more bear the brunt of climate-related disasters and chronic crises

-71 million young people are unemployed and 156 million live in extreme or moderate poverty despite having a job

-244 million people worldwide living outside their country of birth, some 31 million of them are children

*UNICEF Data*

Our Marist charism urges us to be attentive to the calls of our time, to the needs and concerns of people, especially children and young people. Beyond cultural and religious boundaries, we seek the same dignity for all: human rights, justice, peace and equitable enjoyment of the planet's wealth.

**FMSI – ONLUS** was established with a specific purpose: To make the world a better place for children and young people. Inspired by the vision of St. Marcellin Champagnat and promoted by the Marist Brothers of the Schools, FMSI has more than 10 years experience working in the field of international solidarity and advocacy. It was officially established in Italy but has an international Marist presence in 82 countries.

## OUR RECENT SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FMSI works to build a better world for children which respects and protects their rights. A world where they can grow and develop in a safe environment, free from violence and fear, which provides bright and rich future opportunities. Some of our major achievements over the past ten years are:

256 solidarity projects, mainly in the education sector, implemented in 56 countries

Member of 45 local, national and international networks, raising children's voices at different international fora such as the UN Children's Rights Committee

2000 relevant men and women trained in children's rights and child protection

Human rights reports on 37 countries submitted to the UN

Active promoter of children's rights and protection through the Marist Institute present in 82 countries

## WHO WE ARE

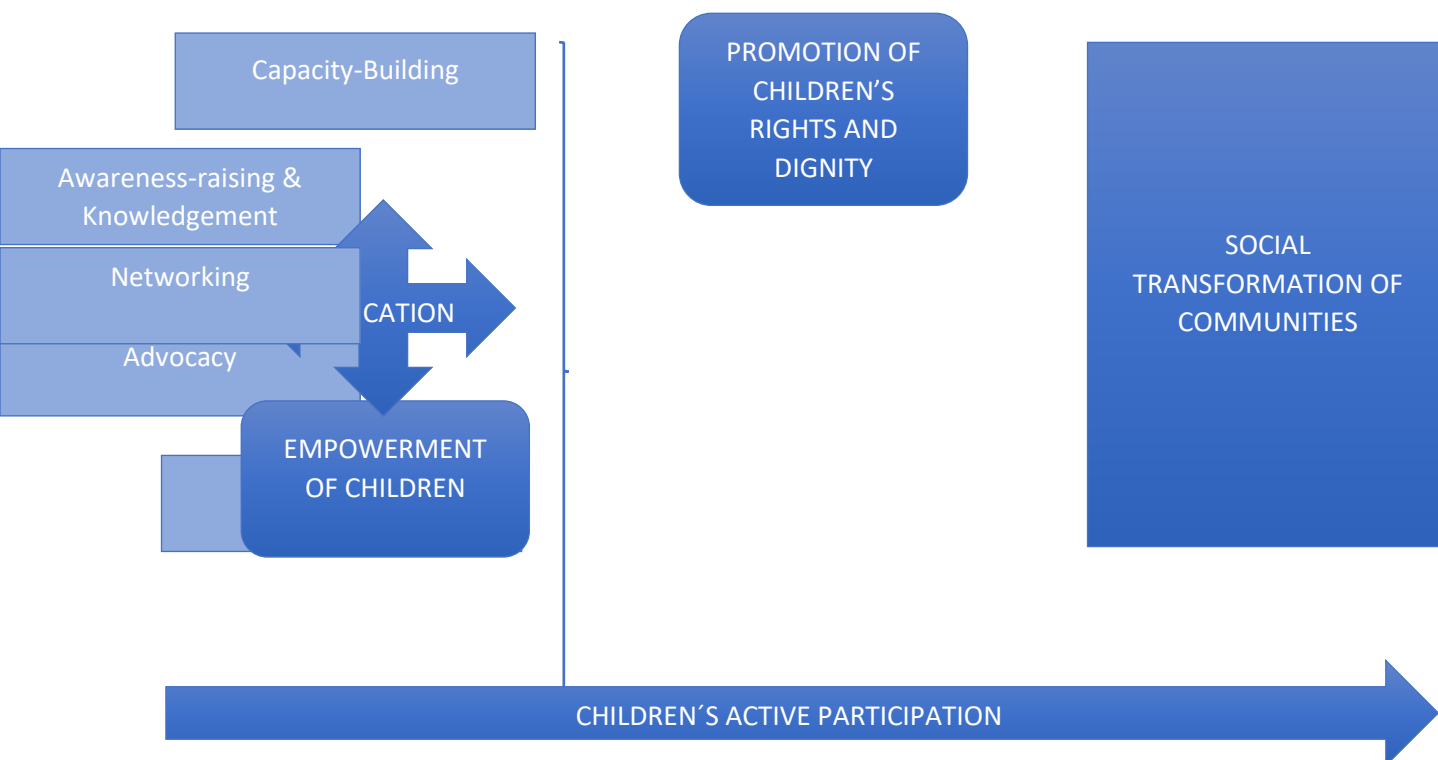
**OUR VISION:** "We believe & act to realize a better world for children; a world where children are welcomed citizens; a world where children are recognized as active members in their communities & society"

**OUR MISSION:** "We promote children's rights and dignity, empowering them and their communities through education which practices justice, no violence, and solidarity".

**OUR VALUES:** Solidarity, fraternity, social justice, fair treatment that respects diversity & human dignity

## OUR THEORY OF CHANGE

We are clear about the change we want to see in the world and how to make it happen. We do believe that education is the most powerful tool to promote, protect and empower children to lead a social transformation process in their communities



## FOR WHOM AND WITH WHOM WE WORK

I want you to devote your best efforts to the most ignored, neglected and abandoned children – Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers

We work to achieve the **rights of all children**, their families and communities. According to Article 1 of the Convention on the Rights of a Child, "a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier". We put at the center of our work those children who are the most vulnerable, poorest, on the move, neglected, invisible, and on the margins of life.

In the past 10 years, FMSI has had presence in **almost 60 countries** all over the world.

As an active advocacy organisation, we develop **strong alliances with others**. We are part of local, national and international networks to join efforts and leverage the impact of our work.

Internally, FMSI works as a facilitator of all the Marist NGOs and institutions dedicated to rights and solidarity across the world.



## **OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2017-2022**

### **1. GOAL: PROMOTE THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF CHILDREN**

1.1 – Mainstream a Child Rights perspective in everything we do

1.2 – Raise Children's voices in international fora through FMSI's presence, networking and advocacy

1.3 – All people engaged in the mission of the Marist Institute are informed, aware of and promote Child Rights

1.4- Make more visible the situation of Child Rights. Conduct and disseminate relevant research and studies to promote its respect and protection

### **2. GOAL: EMPOWER CHILDREN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PRACTICING JUSTICE, NO VIOLENCE AND SOLIDARITY**

2.1 – All Marist institutions are recognized as "a model to be followed by others" through fully adopting and putting into practice child protection protocols which create a safe place for children

2.2. –Children have access to quality formal and informal education that allows social transformation of their lives and communities

2.3. – Build a future for and with children and youth through providing them access to personal and professional opportunities and increase their potential as future leaders in their communities

### **3. GOAL: PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR SOLIDARITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

3.1. -Marist Schools, Centers and their members become agents of change in their communities by being fully engaged in social transformation processes

3.2. –Ensure that children and young people grow as active and responsible citizens

3.3. -Promote solidarity, justice and volunteering as key values in the education for solidarity work of Marist communities around the world

### **4. GOAL: ENHANCE FMSI'S ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITIES**

4.1.- Enhance FMSI's recognition as a worldwide leading organization in the areas of child protection and child rights

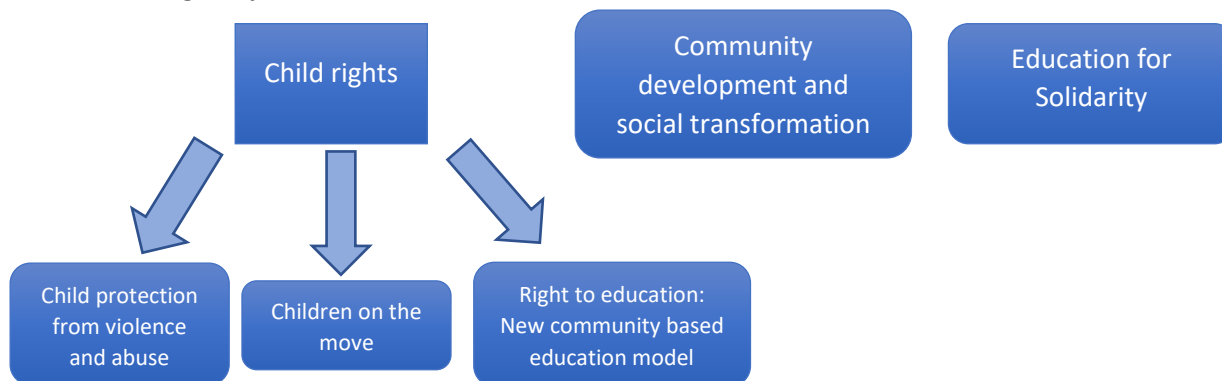
4.2.-Put in place an effective decentralized structure that allows FMSI to work more closely with its stakeholders and to actively be a part of worldwide influencing networks

4.3.-Increase the investment in human and financial resources to ensure that FMSI has the necessary capacities to achieve its mission



## OUR AREAS OF WORK

We recognise our commitment and added value to work in the following areas of work in order to achieve our strategic objectives:



## MEASURING OUR IMPACT AND LEARNING FROM WHAT WE DO

**Monitoring and Evaluating our work** is a high priority. It provides a way to assess the crucial link between implementation and decision-making and gives us a stronger basis for influencing child rights. A monitoring and evaluating system based on SMART indicators will allow us to remain accountable and transparent to our constituencies, from the children with and for whom we work, to the decision-makers, and society in general.

FMSI also aims at being a **dynamic learning organisation** by promoting a culture that encourages and supports ongoing learning, internal and external dialogue, critical thinking and innovation.

## FUNDING THIS STRATEGIC PLAN

Our global revenue is currently 1.215.436,17EUR per year. We expect to **multiply our revenues by four by 2022 (4.880.156,58 EUR)**

**Increasing and diversifying the sources of our income** are the two key fundraising strategies to help make FMSI's strategic goals a reality and to respond effectively to the demands of children that need us most.

## THANK YOU

"To become experts and advocates for the rights of children and young people, we must speak bravely and prophetically in public forums. We feel ourselves impelled to challenge social, economic, political, cultural and religious practices that oppress children and young people. Now is the time for all of us to join in the work of the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity (FMSI)".



On behalf of the entire FMSI membership and the many children and communities that we support, thank you for helping us make this world a better place for children and their families.

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