

MDA

marist district of asia

Projects



13 Projects

✓ Thailand – **Samut Shakon** –
Primary school
✓ Thailand – **Samut Shakon** –
Young Adult Migrants

✓ Bangladesh – **Giasnogor**:
Secondary School, Hostel
✓ Bangladesh – **Giasnogor**:
Nutrition care

✓ The Family of
Marcellin - Formation
Center for Dropouts

✓ Cambodia – **Saem Monorom**
Outreach, Pastoral center
✓ Cambodia – **Pailin** – Pastoral
Center
Cambodia – **Pailin** – Hostel

✓ India – **Talit** – Hostel for boys
✓ India – **Talit** – Community
College

✓ Vietnam – **Quoc Quai** – English
training
✓ Vietnam – **Hanoi** – English for
the Blind
Vietnam – **Tan Chau** – New
presence among tribal
displaced from Cambodia

Guidelines of a Marist project in MDA

Pastoral

We give to the Project a clearly perceptible Christian identity *

We give to the Project a clearly perceptible Marist identity (simplicity, family spirit, love of work, love of Mary)

We establish an interreligious and intercultural dialogue

The Project is located in a place not too much away from other Marist projects so that the communication between them is not difficult

Brothers will not go where other education specialized Congregations already are

Guidelines of a Marist project in MDA

Education

We get the explicit agreement of the local authorities (religious and civil) and sign a contract with them

We go to places where others cannot go or don't want to go.

We work with children and youths materially poor

We work with marginalized people (minorities, tribal, etc)

We bring our Marist pedagogy and style of education

Brothers will not open a Project without consulting with local people

Guidelines of a Marist project in MDA

Community

Brothers adopt a simple life style, as close as possible to the standards of the people around

Brothers ensure a revenue for their work (even if it is small) and try to sustain their community expenses with it

We show our internationality by the composition of our communities (at least 3 Brothers, coming from different countries)

Vocations

We go to areas where there is a realistic hope for having Marist vocations

We work on raising Marist vocations knowing that after us there will not be other missionaries coming to the mission country

Guidelines of a Marist project in MDA

Finances

Brothers can sustain the Project in the short/mid term with the help of some Organization(s)

The Project will be self-sustainable in the long term

Samut Sakhon - 1

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| 1. | Location | Samut Sakhon, Thailand |
| 2. | Project | Primary School |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Diocese of Bangkok |
| 4. | Target | Burmese Migrant Children |
| 5. | Activities | Regular classes, Extra curricula activities |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | Yes (5) |
| 7. | Volunteers | Yes, from overseas |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | Diocese of Bangkok, Old Students from Hong-Kong, Rotary Club Boston, AMS Australia, FMSI Rome |
| 9. | Budget | Taken care of by Diocese of Bangkok |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | Yes |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | Low |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | Good |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 2 Brothers , 2 countries |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Short (2 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | Excellent work of the Brothers, excellent spirit in the school |

Samut Sakhon - 2

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| 1. | Location | Samut Sakhon, Thailand |
| 2. | Project | Young Adult Migrants |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Diocese of Bangkok |
| 4. | Target | Burmese Migrant Youth Workers on Week-ends |
| 5. | Activities | Thai, English, Computer, other activities |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | Yes |
| 7. | Volunteers | Yes |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | AMS |
| 9. | Budget | US\$ 10,000 |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | Yes |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | Low |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | Good |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Not Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 2 Brothers , 2 countries |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Short (2 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | Excellent work of the Brothers, excellent spirit in the center |

Giasnogor- 1

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|-----|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Location | Giasnogor, Moulovibazar, Bangladesh |
| 2. | Project | Secondary School and Hostels |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Marist Brothers Trust Bangladesh |
| 4. | Target | Young from Tea Gardens and Tribal groups |
| 5. | Activities | Regular classes, Extra academic activities |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | 7 teachers |
| 7. | Volunteers | Yes, overseas and local |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | Misean Cara, KMW, SED, Manos Unidas, MAPS, Porticus, FMSI, Aid Church in Need, Marist Germany, Marist Ibérica, Global Gestion, Calendrier Champagnat, Diocese of Koln, private donors |
| 9. | Budget | US\$ 600,000 |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | Yes |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | Medium |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | Good (collaboration with SMSM, CSC, RNDM, SMRA) |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 3 Brothers , 2 countries |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Medium(6 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | First phase finish. Activities going on. Phase 2 going on (fundraising and construction) |

Giasnogor - 2

- 1. Location** Giasnogor, Moulovibazar, Bangladesh
- 2. Project** Nutrition program for under 5 at Giasnogor
- 3. Legal Entity** Marist Brothers Trust Bangladesh
- 4. Target** Under-5 malnourished Children from Tea Garden
- 5. Activities** Providing health advice and food at least once a month
- 6. Collaborators, teachers** Yes
- 7. Volunteers** Yes, local
- 8. Partners, sponsors** Private donors
- 9. Budget** US\$ 1,800
- 10. Interreligious dialogue/collaboration** Yes
- 11. Hope for Vocations** No
- 12. Relations local Church, congregations** Good (collaboration with SMSM and SMRA)
- 13. Self-sustainability in the mid-term** Not Ensured
- 14. International community** 3 Brothers , 2 countries
- 15. Distance to next Marist Community** Medium(6 hours)
- 16. Overview** Excellent spirit, excellent relations with local tea workers

Saen Monorom - 1

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| 1. | Location | Saen Monorom, Mondolkiri, Cambodia |
| 2. | Project | Pastoral Center for Buonong Tribal People |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Marist Solidarity Cambodia |
| 4. | Target | Youth from Buonong Tribe |
| 5. | Activities | Pastoral Center Management, English and Computer |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | No |
| 7. | Volunteers | No |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | Porticus, FMS Friends in Germany |
| 9. | Budget | US\$ 20,000 |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | No |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | Medium |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Not Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 3 Brothers , 3 countries (1 Brother from LaValla 200) |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Long (24 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | Excellent work of the Brothers |

Saen Monorom - 2

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|-----|--|--|
| 1. | Location | Saen Monorom, Mondolkiri, Cambodia |
| 2. | Project | Improving Education Conditions of Buonong Tribal People |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Marist Solidarity Cambodia |
| 4. | Target | Youth from Buonong Tribe |
| 5. | Activities | Teaching; ibrary and computer laboratory; bathroom blocks; water supply; kitchen & dining room facilities |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | Yes |
| 7. | Volunteers | No |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | Porticus, FMS Friends in Germany |
| 9. | Budget | US\$ 20,000 (together with Saen Monorom – 1) |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | No |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | Medium |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Not Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 3 Brothers ,3 countries |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Long (24 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | Excellent work of the Brothers |

Pailin - 1

1. **Location** **Pailin, Battambang, Cambodia**
2. **Project** **Hostel for Deprived Secondary School Students (under construction and fundraising process)**
3. **Legal Entity** **Marist Solidarity Cambodia**
4. **Target** **Youth from Pailin surrounding rural areas**
5. **Activities** **Hostel management**
6. **Collaborators, teachers** **No**
7. **Volunteers** **No**
8. **Partners, sponsors** **Australia Marist Solidarity, Manos Unidas?, Porticus, Private Donors, FMSI, Enfants du Mekong**
9. **Budget** **US\$ 700,000**
10. **Interreligious dialogue/collaboration** **Yes**
11. **Hope for Vocations** **Low**
12. **Relations local Church, congregations** **Good**
13. **Self-sustainability in the mid-term** **Not Ensured**
14. **International community** **3 Brothers , 2 countries**
15. **Distance to next Marist Community** **Long (24 hours)**

16. **Overview** **Oldest project in MDA, still at fundraising level.**

Pailin - 2

1. **Location** Pailin, Battambang, Cambodia
2. **Project** Language & Computer Skills; Nutrition Programme
3. **Legal Entity** Marist Solidarity Cambodia
4. **Target** Youth from Pailin city
5. **Activities** English, Chinese, Korean language; Computer training
6. **Collaborators, teachers** 3 teachers
7. **Volunteers** Yes from overseas all year long
8. **Partners, sponsors** AMS, Private donors and friends
9. **Budget** US\$ 35,000
10. **Interreligious dialogue/collaboration** Yes
11. **Hope for Vocations** Low
12. **Relations local Church, congregations** Good
13. **Self-sustainability in the mid-term** Not Ensured
14. **International community** 3 Brothers , 2 countries
15. **Distance to next Marist Community** Long (24 hours)

16. **Overview** Good work, Lots of volunteers from overseas. Good relations with Apostolic Prefecture. Excellent food .

Talit - 1

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| 1. | Location | Talit, Asonsol, India |
| 2. | Project | Chetona Hostel for Boys |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Marcellin Trust, Diocese of Asonsol |
| 4. | Target | Youth from Santal tribe |
| 5. | Activities | Hostel management |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | Yes (1) |
| 7. | Volunteers | Yes |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | AMS, Aid to Church in Need |
| 9. | Budget | US\$ 35,000 |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | No |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | High |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | Good relations with Diocese and local priests |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Not Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 4 Brothers , 3 countries |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Long (more than 24 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | Good work with poor tribal children. |

Talit - 2

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| 1. | Location | Talit, Asonsol, India |
| 2. | Project | Community College |
| 3. | Legal Entity | Marcellin Trust, Diocese of Asonsol |
| 4. | Target | Youth and adults from Santal tribe |
| 5. | Activities | Computer training, Dressmaking, English |
| 6. | Collaborators, teachers | No |
| 7. | Volunteers | Yes |
| 8. | Partners, sponsors | Italian Bishops Conference |
| 9. | Budget | US\$ 10,000 |
| 10. | Interreligious dialogue/collaboration | No |
| 11. | Hope for Vocations | Low |
| 12. | Relations local Church, congregations | Good relations with Diocese and local priests |
| 13. | Self-sustainability in the mid-term | Not Ensured |
| 14. | International community | 4 Brothers , 3 countries |
| 15. | Distance to next Marist Community | Long (more than 24 hours) |
| 16. | Overview | Most of the programs lack of students. Good work with poor tribal people. |

Vietnam - 1

1. **Location** Quoc Oai, North Vietnam
 2. **Project** New Horizons
 3. **Legal Entity** FMSI Vietnam, CSDS
 4. **Target** Youth and children from Quoc Oai
 5. **Activities** English training, human formation
 6. **Collaborators, teachers** Yes
 7. **Volunteers** Yes , from overseas
 8. **Partners, sponsors** Porticus, CSDS
 9. **Budget**
 10. **Interreligious dialogue/collaboration** No
 11. **Hope for Vocations** Low
 12. **Relations local Church, congregations**
 13. **Self-sustainability in the mid-term** Not Ensured
 14. **International community** 2 Brothers , 2 countries
 15. **Distance to next Marist Community** Long (6 hours)
 16. **Overview** Good work of Brothers. Excellent planning and administrative work . Open door for Marists under NGO structure.
- International volunteers.

Vietnam - 2

- 1. Location** Hanoi, North Vietnam
- 2. Project** English language and massage training to blind people
- 3. Legal Entity** FMSI Vietnam, Vietnam Blind Association
- 4. Target** Visually Impaired people from Hanoi
- 5. Activities** English training, Printing Materials (Braille)
- 6. Collaborators, teachers** Yes
- 7. Volunteers** Yes
- 8. Partners, sponsors** Vietnam Blind Association, MAPS
- 9. Budget** US\$ 15,000
- 10. Interreligious dialogue/collaboration** No
- 11. Hope for Vocations** Low
- 12. Relations local Church, congregations**
- 13. Self-sustainability in the mid-term** Ensured
- 14. International community** 2 Brothers , 2 countries
- 15. Distance to next Marist Community** Long (6 hours)
- 16. Overview** Good work of Brothers. Excellent planning and administrative work. Very specialized work, skills needed.

Classification of MDA projects by legal status

NGO

Vietnam (FMSI Vietnam)

Cambodia (Marist Solidarity Cambodia)

Trust

India (Marcellin Trust)

Bangladesh (Marist Brothers Trust Bangladesh)

Catholic Church

Thailand (Archdiocese of Bangkok)

Projects Financial Size

1. $X > 200,000$ \$US Pailin Hostel, Giasnogor School Hostel
2. $50,000 < x < 200,000$ Samuth Shakhon, New Horizons
3. $X < 50,000$ Talit Hostel, Pailin Outreach, Pailin Teaching Center, Pailin Feeding, Saem Monorom, Blind Hanoi, Talit Community College

Projects Volunteers / Lay collaborators

| Foreigners | |
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| BD | Yes |
| IN | Yes |
| TH | Yes |
| KP | Yes |
| VN | Yes |

| Local | |
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| BD | Yes |
| IN | No |
| TH | Yes |
| KP | Yes |
| VN | Yes |

All our projects get volunteers from overseas (long, medium and short duration). Most of our projects get local volunteers. We are somehow a source of inspiration for many young and Brothers in the Marist Institute in spite of our fragility (or may be because of our fragility!)