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FMSI

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2022



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TOGETHER,
FOR THE
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OF CHILDREN

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**...IT IS NOT ENOUGH
TO PROTECT OURSELVES,
IT IS ESSENTIAL
TO REACT IN ORDER
TO RE-EMERGE,
IMPROVE,
GROW.**



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends and supporters of FMSI,

I have the honor of presenting FMSI's **annual report illustrating the activities carried out by the foundation during 2022**. FMSI continues to pursue its commitment to provide support for children in vulnerable conditions in challenging situations. The foundation aims to guarantee their fundamental rights to education, participation and justice, rights that are often neither preserved nor respected. Through its Projects, the Foundation strengthens local communities through empowerment, prioritizing interventions with a focus on education and children's rights. FMSI's work is based on two main pillars: defense and protection of children and solidarity, which are realized through Projects that support children in the most disadvantaged conditions, providing for them a better future.

During 2022, the Foundation continued its work in favour of migrant children, refugees, victims of violence and children with disabilities, through solidarity, advocacy, and emergency projects. FMSI's presence at the United Nations is significant and incisive. The Foundation actively participates in the Universal Periodic Review and has access to international Human Rights mechanisms. It also continues its involvement in Marist solidarity networks around the world with the aim of achieving long lasting improvement in the lives of children and young people. In this complex time, FMSI reinforces its commitment in favour of children to guarantee them the full enjoyment of their fundamental rights; first and foremost among these is the equal access to quality education.

During 2022, the 'Advocacy and Child Rights' area maintained collaborative relationship with other organisations. The Foundation actively participated in the Steering Group of BICE (Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance) and CCIG (Centre Catholique International de Genève) initiating several joint undertakings, involving the preparations and presentation of the UPR in the United Nations. During the course of this year FMSI also cooperated effectively with other religious organisations. The relationship with Edmund Rice International enables FMSI to maintain a fruitful exchange of information on the Projects developed by each of the Congregations.

The extremely complex circumstances surrounding the pandemic has seen many children's access to their rights further denied. We live in a world where children continue to go hungry, to fall ill without receiving adequate medical care, to be exploited and abused, and to be denied access to the fundamental right of education. Such deprivation dramatically accentuates existing inequalities and reduces opportunities of those children already most deprived. I recently had the opportunity to read some insights from Lebanese researcher Nassim Nicholas Taleb, who first theorised on the topic of anti-fragility, and I found myself thinking about how this topic, in today's world, is increasingly important.

According to the researcher, **anti-fragility is a next step to resilience: it is not just resisting difficulties but reinventing oneself and transforming one's skills to better respond to future events.** Of course, adopting such an attitude is neither easy nor immediate. It is necessary to first go through a phase of weakness in order to know defeat and falling, and then get back up, stronger and more aware than before. **Anti-fragility** therefore **arises** - unquestionably - from fragility: only when we have personally gone through a moment of difficulty will we understand that it is not enough to protect ourselves, but that it is essential to react in order to re-emerge, improve, grow, precisely starting from critical situations.

I wish to conclude by thanking the members of the FMSI Staff and Board: the Foundation would not exist without their commitment for the benefit of children. The FMSI Staff - which in 2022 was enriched by a new member - is committed day by day to the successful implementation of initiatives in favour of the neediest children, faithfully following its Mission and the Marist Charism. The new Board, which took office in the past year, has shown commitment and dedication in the governance of the Foundation, with directives, guidelines and suggestions that have enabled it to improve its operations. Finally, I would like to thank **our Partners** and **our Donors**: it is thanks to you that we are able, day after day, to implement projects small and large in favour of children in the most fragile conditions in the world's peripheries.

My sincere thanks to you all.

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

"TO EDUCATE CHILDREN YOU MUST LOVE THEM AND LOVE THEM EQUALLY"

ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT,
FOUNDER OF THE MARIST BROTHERS'
CONGREGATION

Established by the Congregation of the Marist Brothers of the Schools in 2007, the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity works around the world for the rights of children and adolescents to ensure better living conditions for them.

The Institute of the Marist Brothers was created in France on 2 January 1817 by Saint Marcellin Champagnat and today has more than 2500 members who - assisted by over 7,000 Marist lay people - work in 78 Countries on 5 continents. The Marist network operates through 585 schools as well as universities, social works, youth movements and programmes, and wherever children and young people are most in need.

FMSI has been working for 16 years to develop the potential of children and youth by making them active agents of social transformation in their communities.

In accordance with its Mission, FMSI works mainly through inclusive education, advocacy and solidarity projects and initiatives to protect and guarantee the rights of children, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised.

Vision

We believe in a world where childhood is respected and guaranteed, free from violence and fear, where children and young people are fully-fledged citizens and are recognized as active members in their communities & society.

Mission

We act to develop the potential of children and young people, especially those who are in the most vulnerable and marginalized conditions, through education, advocacy and solidarity initiatives.

VALUES

Equity

In a world where inequalities are increasing, we work to guarantee equal opportunities for all children and young people, boys and girls, regarding access to education and their universally recognized rights.

Solidarity

The will to serve, to act for the common good and to generate opportunities for all, especially the most vulnerable and excluded are key. More than just a word used in difficult times, it is an essential value in our daily work.

Justice

We work at an international level to give voice to those who have no voice. We stand up for children and young people and assist communities and decision-makers to defend the rights of children's and young people in order to promote peaceful and inclusive societies.

Non-discrimination

We work to ensure that ALL children exercise their rights, regardless of gender, ethnicity or religion.



THE HISTORY OF FMSI



2007. FMSI CREATION



2008. FMSI JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CATHOLIQUE DE L'ENFANCE (BICE)



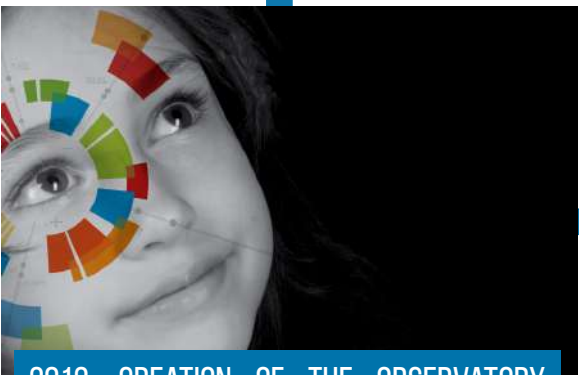
2009. BICE DISCUSSION GROUP CREATION IN CHILE



2011. OBTAINING THE CONSULTATIVE STATUS OF ECOSOC AT THE UNITED NATIONS



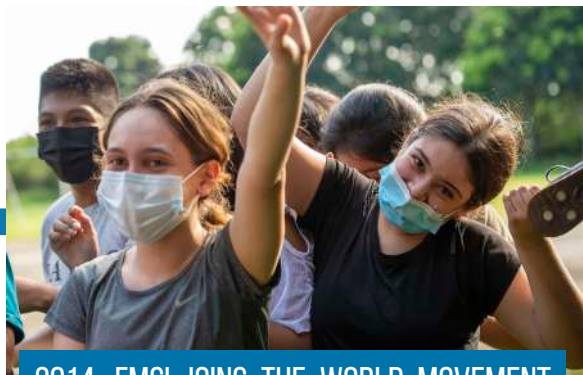
2010. INTEGRATION IN THE CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT AND CATHOLIQUE INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF GENÈVE NETWORKS



2012. CREATION OF THE OBSERVATORY "CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE" IN CHILE



2013. CREATION OF FMSI CONO SUR



2014. FMSI JOINS THE WORLD MOVEMENT FOR CHILDREN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (MMI-LAC)

FMSI JOINS THE CCIG BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2020. FMSI BOARD APPROVES THE 2021-2025 DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF FMSI



2021. FMSI PUBLISHES ITS FIRST BILANCIO SOCIALE AND ADOPTS THE 231 MODEL

FMSI REACHES THE MILESTONE OF 400 PROJECTS IN THE WORLD



2022. FMSI CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY



2019. CREATION OF "NEW HORIZONS 2", THE FIRST MULTICOUNTRY PROJECT INVOLVING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

CREATION OF THE SECRETARIAT OF SOLIDARITY, THAT WORKS TOGETHER WITH FMSI ON ADVOCACY AND CHILD RIGHTS



2018. FMSI REACHES THE MILESTONE OF 300 PROJECTS WORLDWIDE



2017. COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH THE PONTIFICAL GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME

FMSI JOINS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BICE



2015. CREATION OF THE "FRATELLI PROJECT" IN LEBANON

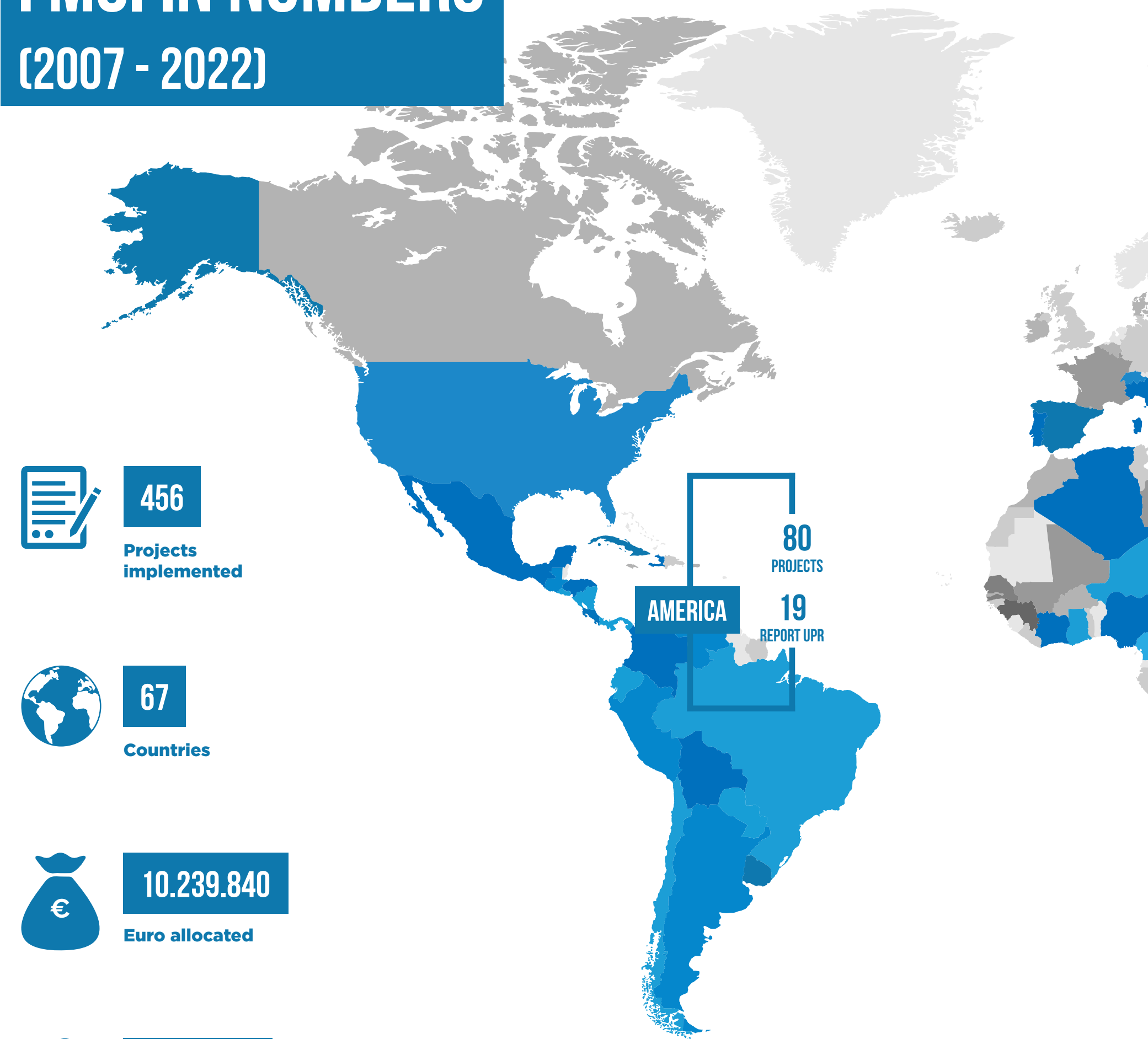
BICE DISCUSSION GROUP CREATION IN BRAZIL



2016. INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT (AMERICAN STATES ORGANIZATION)

FMSI IN NUMBERS

(2007 - 2022)



456

Projects implemented



67

Countries



10.239.840

Euro allocated



6.532.158

Beneficiaries



60

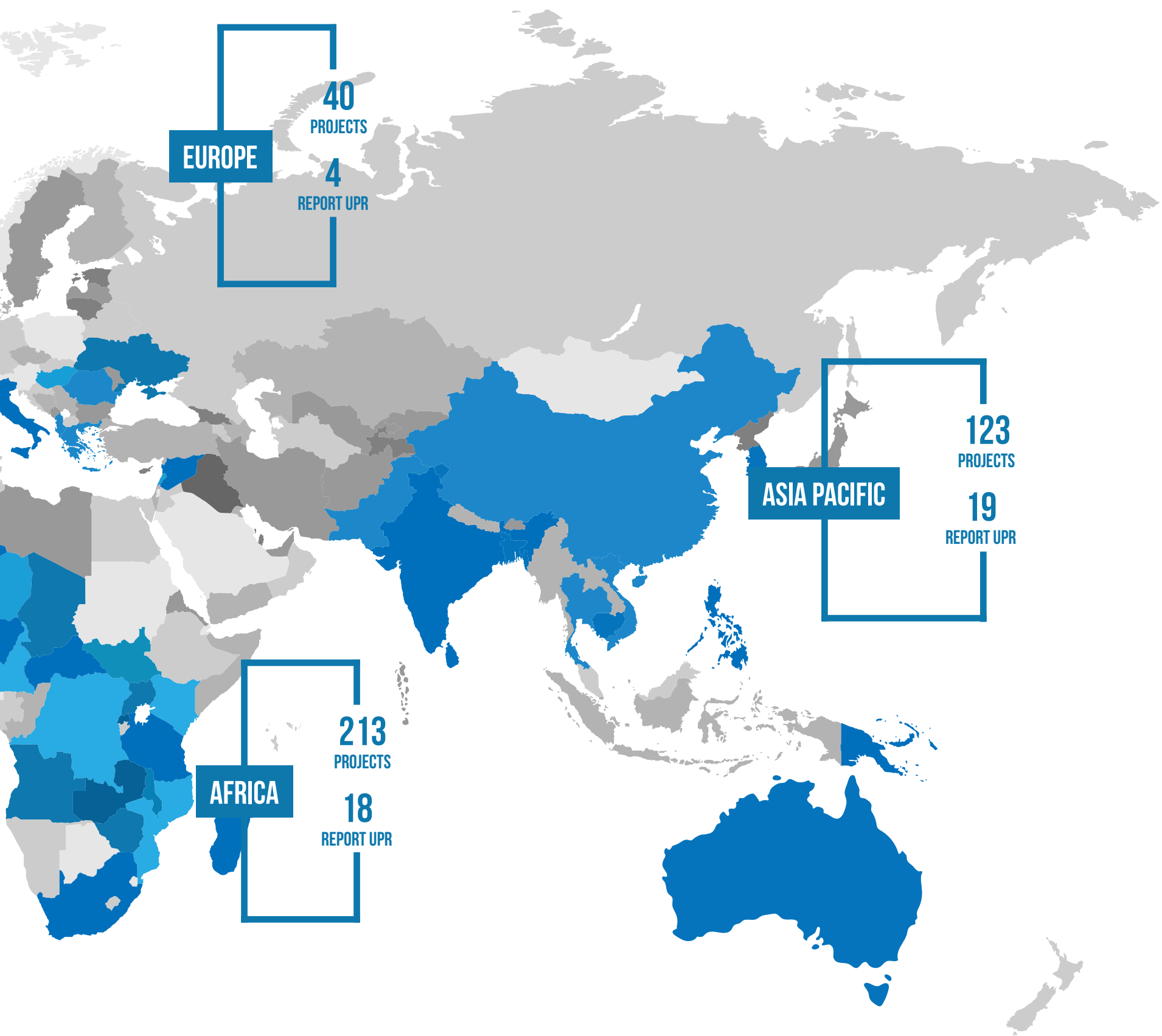
Reports on Child Rights submitted through the UN Mechanism of UPR



80
PROJECTS

AMERICA

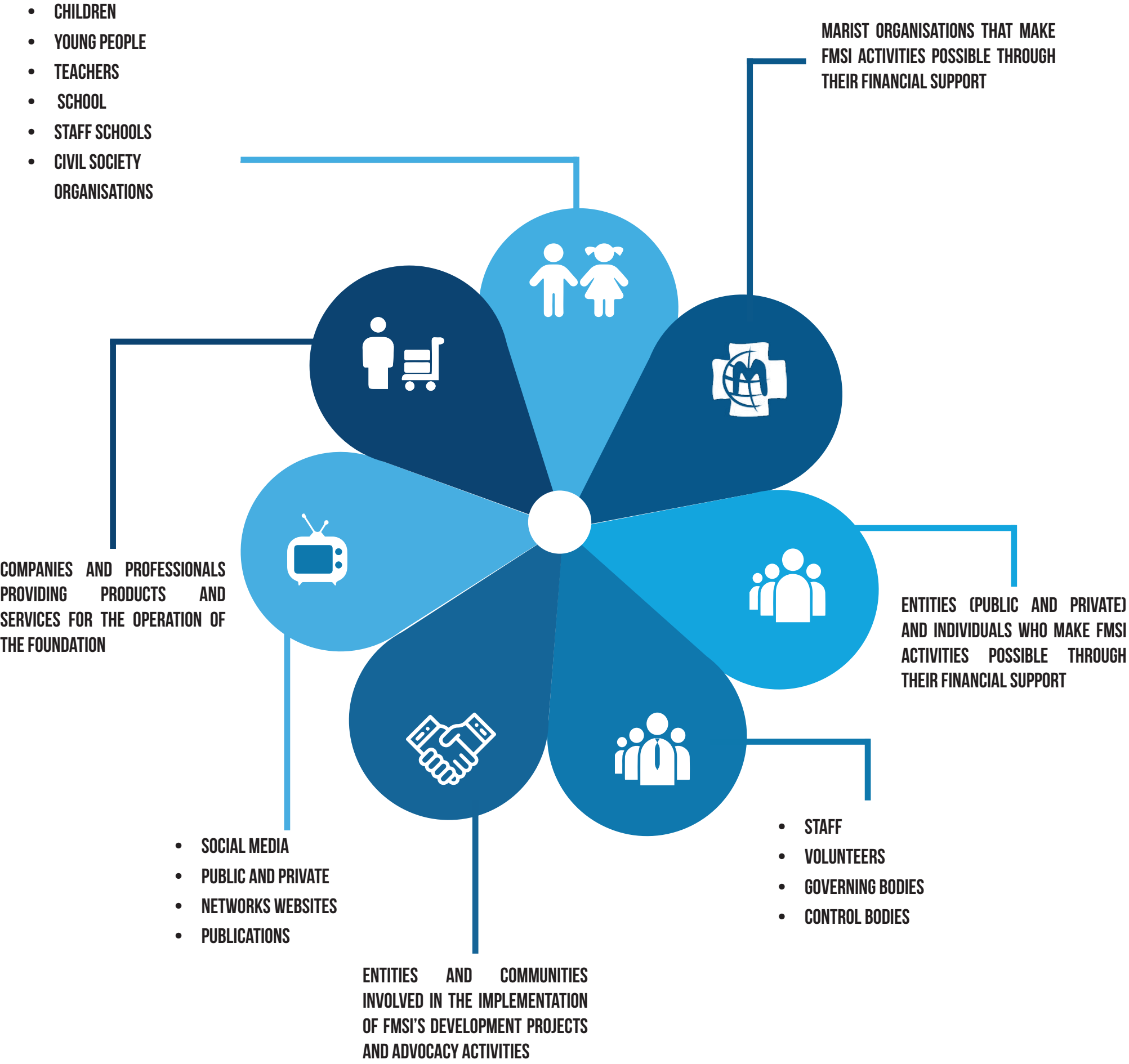
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REPORT UPR



Child Rights, Advocacy, Training, Public awareness

Meetings and training courses on children's rights	30
Information and awareness-raising events	2
Consultations for the participation of children in the defence of their rights	2
Agreements with universities and other relevant partners for the realisation of courses and other joint initiatives	5
Researches and publications	6
UPR: number of FMSI recommendations considered	466
UPR: number of FMSI recommendations accepted by States	391

STAKEHOLDER MAP





THE IMPACT OF FMSI'S ACTION

During 2022, FMSI continued to carry out its activities of drafting, implementing and reporting on Development Projects (education, solidarity and rights of children and youth) **and emergencies in the peripheries of the world** and wherever the Congregation of the Marist Brothers of the Schools is present - with its works.

The work of FMSI in the field of solidarity and education has been continuous and fruitful and has led, in 2022, to the realisation of 52 educational and solidarity projects implemented in 28 Countries of the world, constantly placing gender equality at the centre of its actions and working to eliminate all kinds of social inequalities.

In 2022, FMSI's action extended to the collection and distribution of material goods (medical equipment, clothes, food and basic necessities, etc.) **and the provision of services.**

During 2022, the largest number of initiatives implemented by FMSI took the form of Inclusive Education, Solidarity and Advocacy Projects, constantly inspired by these founding principles:

Coherence: Aware of the growing global challenges, FMSI has responded by concentrating its resources and capacities where they are most needed, with a particular focus on interventions in the Regions of the world that suffer the most economically vulnerable conditions.

Effectiveness: FMSI has promoted fair, effective, efficient interventions with a broad social impact in favour of children and youth in Syria, Bolivia, Bangladesh, Colombia, Nigeria and wherever intervention was needed to guarantee the fundamental rights of people in vulnerable and marginalized condition, in line with the Foundation's statutory purpose. FMSI has not only supported large proposals, as it is believed that long term benefits can also be achieved with small but very specific interventions, as long as they are able to generate long term results for the communities.

Efficiency: each FMSI project aims to ensure the best relationship between resources employed and results achieved. All Foundation projects, therefore, must be able to demonstrate that the planned results are achieved with a fair and balanced cost/benefit ratio.

Transparency: Operating thanks to the financing of private and institutional donors, FMSI promotes transparency and legality in the use of the funds received as an act of responsibility towards those who support and sustain the initiatives and activities of the Foundation. For this reason, FMSI guarantees transparency and accountability through a multiplicity of instruments: the 231 model, the institution of a supervisory body, timely reporting of projects, annual publications and certification of the financial statements in accordance with the regulations of the Italian Civil Code.

The tools used to provide information to the public on the resources collected and their destination are: narrative and financial reports according to the procedures and models provided by the donors, the FMSI website, social media and this document.





METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

The process of preparation of the report has been marked by a strong desire to provide its stakeholders with a clear and complete picture of how FMSI implements its statutory principles in the context in which it operates.

This document was prepared on the basis of the provisions of the *"Guidelines for the Preparation of the Financial Social Statements of Third Sector Entities"* adopted by decree of the Minister of Labor and Social Policies (published in the Official Gazette no. 186 of 8-9-2019). The objective is reporting all FMSI activities carried out in 2022; the frequency and the boundaries of reporting coincide with those of the Annual Balance Sheet, approved by the Board of Directors at the meeting on 29 May 2023.

In defining the themes and methods of reporting, particular attention was paid to the information to be provided to stakeholders. For this reason, the Social Report has been created with a participative process that involved various actors at different levels:

- All FMSI Staff, including the people involved in accounting and those involved in communication.
- The FMSI Board.
- The Donors, through the official project documents and reports submitted in the period Jan-Dec 2022.
- The Local Project Managers responsible for each project funded and implemented.
- External control bodies in both the design and revision phases of both the content and financial sections of the document.

In order to provide complete and transparent information to stakeholders, and with the intention of guaranteeing comparability over time, this Social Report 2022 implements the same classification and presentation of achievements proposed in the 2021 edition.

The analysis of the results achieved by the implemented projects was carried out on the basis of the official project documents and reports submitted in the period from January to December 2022: the focus of the analysis was therefore placed on the changes produced by the intervention, which were relevant for the achievement of the results and measured through a system of indicators.

As project implementation does not correspond to the calendar year, for those projects financed in 2022 but not yet finalised as at 31.12.2022, the official project data in the application form are taken into account.

All projects started after November 2022 (BOL0300, BGD0310, HTI0500, MEX0400, ZWE0200) and uncompleted construction projects (KEN0600) are not included in the count as this would be too premature in relation to the status of implementation and thus the achievement of results.

In contrast, the count takes into account the results produced by projects excluded for the same reason in the previous period (BOL0200, MWI0310).





LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2022

PROJECT TITLE	COUNTRY	AMOUNT IN €
Extension of the Hostel for girls attached to St. Marcellin School in Moulovibazar, Sylhet (Bangladesh)	Bangladesh	81.635,00
Computers projects	Bangladesh	4.983,64
Moulovibazar Education Program	Bangladesh	22.075,00
Colaboracion entre Editoriales Maristas y Marist Brothers Trust, Bangladesh 2021	Bangladesh	13.653,55
Colaboracion entre Editoriales Maristas y Marist Brothers Trust, Bangladesh 2022	Bangladesh	30.190,20
Humanitarian purposes and emergency aid for the Corona pandemic	Bolivia	1.200,00
Children's and women's rights in Bolivia: follow up on the UN Bodies recommendations	Bolivia	42.588,50
Mantenimiento de infraestructura Centro Educativo Marista Nuestra Senora del Pilar	Bolivia	3.090,00
Leaders in the strategic areas of mission development	Brazil	8.700,00
Heart without borders for the rights to play	Colombia	15.000,00
Progetto Maisha Mapya - Una vita nuova	Democratic Republic of Congo	15.000,00
Construction of Multi-purpose Hall at the Marist Preparatory/Junior High School in Sabin-Akrofrom, Ashanti Region	Ghana	100.000,00
Strengthening education through updated pedagogical resources for the children at the Moisés Cisneros School	Guatemala	5.000,00
Education and training opportunities for children domestic workers, vulnerable youth and teachers in Jérémie	Haiti	22.250,00
Improving education of Santal girls and boys and promoting gender equality	India	4.281,00
Support to Kenya	Kenya	13.150,00

Our Lady of Orote Junior Secondary School: improvement of accommodation facilities, dining halls and the library	Kenya	15.000,00
Scholarship to the Bishop Mugendi secondary school in Roo and scholarship to the Our Lady of Orote primary school	Kenya	5.166,17
Support to Kenya	Kenya	7.000,00
Rebuilding the Marist Brothers Residence in Orote, Kenya	Kenya	38.088,00
Current expenses LaValla Primary School for children and young people with a physical disability	Cambodia	20.000,00
Sen Monorom, Pulung, Dak Dam and Bousra for “apostolate work, for education, salaries, food, kindergarten, solidarity, repairs, transport and medical care”	Cambodia	17.000,00
Marist Education Center (MEC) - Pailin: salaries, project administration, food, healthcare, school materials, computer services, vehicles & travel	Cambodia	20.000,00
Teacher salaries, operational expenses and indirect expenses	Lebanon	40.000,00
Purchasing of material to support the Rural Development Association (Mosan Centre) - Tiro (Lebanon)	Lebanon	1.000,00
Support to ensuring access to quality education for vulnerable children at Saints Coeurs Jezzine City	Lebanon	1.000,00
Waterproofing of the brothers’ terraces	Lebanon	20.000,00
Fratelli Project	Lebanon	50.000,00
Emergency response to the cyclone in Madagascar 2022	Madagascar	15.000,00
Cine-impulso para Bachilleratos comunitarios en Oaxaca	Mexico	4.675,00
Transport vehicle for the Lycee Saint Vincent de Paul in Betroka	Madagascar	46.700,00
Equity of access to quality education for girls and disadvantaged children in Malawi	Malawi	47.912,50

A new Hope for Hopeville	Nigeria	14.999,00
Marcellin Juvenile Justice and STOP OSAEC program	Philippines	25.300,00
Fondo di Solidarietà San Leone Magno	Italy	391,17
Proyecto de becas y adquisicion de equipo bachillerato en salud Instituto Tecnico Vocacional Jesus Obrero	El Salvador	2.520,00
Support to the midwives students enrolled in the Solidarity Catholic Training Institute	South Sudan	5.000,00
Food assistance to the vulnerable and poor families of Aleppo	Syria	45.000,00
Health care and Food assistance to the vulnerable and poor families of Aleppo	Syria	15.000,00
Health care and Food assistance to the vulnerable and poor families of Aleppo II	Syria	15.000,00
Food assistance to the vulnerable and poor families in Aleppo III	Syria	18.750,82
Blue Marist project clothes and shoes in Syria	Syria	15.000,00
Blue Marist Seeds project in Syria	Syria	36.000,00
Community program for the access to educatioin of the vulnerable children in Koumra	Chad	5.000,00
Reconstruction of St Terezinha's Primary School, Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste	33.628,00
Marists for Ukraine	Ukraine	15.000,00
Three2six refugee children's educational Project	South Africa	112.515,00
New Horizons for a transformative education model	South Africa, Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe	116.581,37
Provision of school furniture for student and teachers at St. Paul's Mulungushi Primary School	Zambia	4.500,00
Embarking on income generating projects to support orphans and vulnerable learners	Zimbabwe	6.585,00
TOTAL		1.208.958,92



AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Education for All



Equal access to quality education is the fundamental principle that forms the basis for improving people's lives and fostering the sustainable development of societies involving social cohesion and inclusive economic growth. Projects in this area aim to achieve specific outcomes, such as increasing access to education at all levels and increasing literacy levels and attendance, especially for girls, at secondary schools. This includes initiatives to ensure access to vocational training, to increase the number of qualified teachers, to build or adapt school facilities to be sensitive to the needs of children, disabilities and gender equality in order to provide safe, non-violent and inclusive learning environments for all.

Advocacy & Child Rights



FMSI works to design and implement projects and initiatives to recognise, promote and guarantee the rights of children, particularly in contexts where they are denied access to and enjoyment of basic human rights: adequate health care, healthy and balanced nutrition, education and protection from violence. Today's children face new threats that undermine the full enjoyment of their rights, but they also have new tools and opportunities to realise and defend them. FMSI's initiatives at the United Nations are aimed at building strong policy systems at regional, national and international levels, based on development strategies for children's rights. Projects at the local level provide an effective response in particular cases, such as situations where children are forced to drop out of school, take up dangerous jobs, marry early, fight in wars or are incarcerated in adult prisons. FMSI also promotes initiatives in which children and young people are made aware of their rights, participate in situations that affect them, hold and defend civil, social, political, cultural and economic rights.

Emerging and Local Needs



New global challenges impact on fundamental areas such as health, education, local economies; they increase inequalities and generate new forms of poverty among children. Hunger and malnutrition, difficult access to basic services, discrimination and social exclusion, as well as lack of participation in decision-making processes, are just some of the challenges that affect the peripheries most, both geographically and existentially. The projects in this area are based on development strategies in favour of the most economically vulnerable, are gender sensitive, and support actions against poverty, hunger, injustice, climate change, lack of access to services or adequate health systems. FMSI's emergency projects target all individuals in vulnerable situations in order to reduce their exposure to extreme weather events, wars, epidemics, disasters and economic, social and environmental shocks.

Mission and Capacity Development



This area focuses on initiatives to strengthen the operational and governance capacities needed for effective strategic and project planning. FMSI strengthens the systems and processes in the countries and missions where it operates with training in governance, financial accountability, project cycle management, finance and administration, child protection and leadership. The aim of initiatives in this area is to increase the capacity to act on behalf of children with more effective actions.

In this regard, FMSI, during 2022, implemented a Project related to the follow-up of recommendations resulting from the UPR-a regular review of Human Rights situations of all the UN Member States.

Sustainable Economic Development



This area supports Sustainable Economic Development in Countries where projects are implemented, therefore, by making the community sustainable at a social level - avoiding inequalities and discrimination - at an economic level, and no less important at an environmental level. In this way, the development is such that it addresses current emergencies and prevents future ones.



2022 RESULTS

Education for all



17.132	7.611	5.176	994	280	94
Number of children in vulnerable conditions who had more equal access to quality education.	Number of children in vulnerable conditions who benefited from improved quality of education through improved/upgraded learning resources and school facilities.	Number of children who benefited from safer, more inclusive and sustainable school and social environments.	Number of children who benefited from improved quality of education through the use of appropriate teaching methods.	Number of individuals with increased literacy, numeracy, skills (including transversal competences) and qualifications in formal, non-formal and informal contexts.	Number of individuals who increased their technical and professional skills.

Advocacy & Child Rights



5.333	190	115	90
Number of children and individuals in vulnerable conditions more aware of their rights and better prepared to defend them.	Number of Civil Society Organisations more aware of their potential to become agents of change and defenders of Human Rights.	Number of children and individuals in vulnerable conditions made able to address Human Rights violations and assess government compliance with Human Rights obligations.	Number of Civil Society organisations that have increased their capacity to address Human Rights violations and assess compliance with government Human Rights obligations.

Emerging and local needs



32.052	6.987	922	577
Number of individuals who benefited from emergency relief and assistance with basic needs (distribution of food, medicine, etc.)	Number of individuals who benefited from health care initiatives including: resilience programmes, recovery/psychological support programmes, awareness and information campaigns.	Number of children and individuals in vulnerable conditions who have improved their living conditions.	Number of children and individuals in vulnerable conditions who have improved their ability to face emergency situations.

Mission and capacity development



16
Number of individuals who have benefited from strengthening the organisational capacity of Marists to implement effective development initiatives.

Sustainable Economic development



440	300
Number of local economic activities supported to create sustainable and inclusive economic opportunities.	Number of individuals with increased technical and professional skills.



24.029
CHILDREN
(UNDER 18 BOYS)



28.505
CHILDREN
(UNDER 18 GIRLS)



265
YOUNG PEOPLE
(19-25) BOYS



2.030
YOUNG PEOPLE
(19-25) GIRLS



12.742
ADULTS
WOMEN



8.288
ADULTS
MEN



2.196
TEACHERS AND
SCHOOL STAFF



716
BROTHERS AND
MARIST STAFF



92
CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANIZATIONS
AND GOVERNMENTAL
AGENCIES



5 HOSPITALS
5 OTHER
ENTITIES



39 SCHOOLS
23 EDUCATION
CENTRES



202
POLICY
IMPACT
MEASURES

FOCUS ON ADVOCACY & CHILD RIGHTS

FMSI's commitment to Human Rights has been a constant since its creation. FMSI remains *"firmly committed to the promotion and defence of children's rights"* and *"to their empowerment as agents of transformation"*. Based on this statement, during the year 2022, work continued in the area of Defence of Rights, with a special focus on the most vulnerable children and young people.

FMSI renewed its commitment to the animation, coordination and implementation of rights-based initiatives, in collaboration with other actors within the Marist Institute and with civil society organisations and church institutions.

The pandemic affected the work in the first months of 2022, concentrating most of the activities online. The last few months, in which it was possible to travel to many countries, allowed for greater mobility and meetings with various partners in the field, as well as the relaunching of some initiatives that could not be carried out previously due to the limitation of travel.

The following is a summary of the work carried out in this area, classifying it into various sections.

UN ADVOCACY

Bolivia II Project: Of note is the work carried out jointly by FMSI, Maristas Bolivia and CCIG with the involvement of several partners from Bolivian civil society. This project was developed throughout 2022, with training and awareness-raising activities. A specific action and protection policy was drafted for this project and approved at the beginning of the year.

PNG UPR: The project was almost entirely implemented during the previous year. However, some practical matters (documentation, closing of accounts) were finalised during 2022. It is important to highlight the participation in the Oral Statement held in March, which aimed to further develop the recommendations presented during the UPR.

UPR Bangladesh: The report is being jointly worked on with other partners, both in Geneva (CCIG) and in the field (SEHD). This project will be developed mainly during 2023.

Various UPR: Last year, UPRs were submitted for

several countries. South Africa's report was presented individually, while others were presented together with partners. Thus, the UPRs of Argentina and Peru were presented together with Edmund Rice, while that of Zambia was presented together with the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco.

Similarly, steps are being taken to be able to present new reports in subsequent cycles. It is hoped to be able to organise some of these reports, which could see the light of day in the coming year, either individually or with other partners. Some of these reports are included as part of larger projects developed by the FMSI project area. We are aware that FMSI is not in a position to produce all the reports, but constant efforts are being made to expand the scope of the organisation's work in this area.

Lobbying: To increase FMSI's impact at the United Nations, UPR reports have been sent to various permanent missions based in Geneva. In some cases, shortened reports were also made available to facilitate the reading and adoption of recommendations. This work focused in particular on reports from Argentina, Peru and Zambia.

NETWORKS

FMSI would like to specify, below, the work it does in the 'Defence of Rights' area together with various partners. Working together - networking - is increasingly important and necessary, as well as being one of the objectives set as part of FMSI's work strategy. FMSI works to create a network that extends to the whole Marist world and opens up to other Church institutions and the civil society.

Civil society organisations: During 2022, FMSI was able to continue and strengthen its collaboration with BICE. FMSI continues to be represented on the Board of Directors (thanks to the commitment of Brother Ángel Diego) and to participate in the General Assemblies.

The collaboration with these bodies is intended to be a way of deepening and widening the impact of FMSI in the defence of human rights, both through advocacy actions and through the development of specific activities that have an impact on specific categories of people in a vulnerable condition.

Particularly significant is the collaboration with CCIG in the preparation of reports and advocacy actions. Some





specific examples have been mentioned in the previous section, to which we can add the signing of a joint declaration for the 51st session of the Human Rights Council, which other partners also joined.

Solidarity Secretariat: FMSI and the Solidarity Secretariat are collaborating and integrating their daily works. In February 2022, the second assembly of the RMSI (Marist Network of International Solidarity) took place, with the active participation of several FMSI members, as it is a network directly linked, in different areas of action, to the work developed by FMSI, having a working group on children's rights and a working group for NGOs and foundations.

Within the Solidarity Secretariat, the *Children's Rights Network*, organised by Brothers Francis and Angel Diego, is also being developed. Through this initiative, new strategies of animation, coordination and work in the area of the defence of rights are being developed at the level of the entire Marist Institute.

It is worth highlighting the participation of the President of FMSI, Brother Ken McDonald, and the Director, Andrea Rossi, in the meeting of the Executive Committee of RMSI held in Mexico City, as an opportunity to continue to work together and to seek new ways of collaboration between the two entities.

In the Marist world: FMSI continues its commitment to maintain contact with the delegates for the rights of the Provinces throughout the Marist Institute, as well as with the Provincial Brothers. This relationship allows us to communicate new developments, share good practices, learn from what is

being done and offer future collaborations in this area.

There are also some Marist areas where actions developed or to be developed are communicated: for example, the General Administration Collaboration Weeks and the meetings of the International Marist Missionary Commission.

Corazón Solidario: Brother Ángel Diego participated in the meeting of the enlarged commission of Corazón Solidario, held in Colombia. There the work which FMSI and the Solidarity Secretariat are carrying out was shared. Current lines of action and plans for the future were shared. One of the lines for the future which was highlighted was collaboration, which would be necessary, in the area of formation.

TRAINING

Another area that has been worked on over the past year is training in various areas.

Nairobi Scholasticate: The Nairobi Scholasticate brings together all the young brothers in Africa, making it a strategic place for making the work of the Defence of Rights known. On the occasion of Brother Ángel Diego's visit to Nairobi, a training session was held with the young Brothers, presenting the area of Children's Rights in the Marist Institute, as well as the advocacy work with the United Nations. In addition, during the training session, emphasis was placed on the importance of incorporating this theme into their daily lives, especially when they each return to their own Province.

Resilience course in Córdoba (Spain): During the month of May, a 'resilience course' was held for children and young people, and their educators, from social works in the



Mediterranean province. During one weekend, 20 children and 19 adults were able to learn, through various dynamics, the tools of resilience to continue growing. The initiative was realised in cooperation with BICE.

UN Mechanisms Training Course: Starting from the commitment to training on advocacy processes and mechanisms at the United Nations, the possibility of repeating this training course for provincial delegates of Rights in the Provinces was continued to be explored.

Training programmes: Several training sessions on the theme of rights were held during the year 2022, taking advantage of some existing training programmes (Leaders of Europe, GIER and European Meeting of Brothers under 60). The training developed as part of the 'La Valla 200' programme, for people who will be part of the international communities, deserves special mention. This training was developed in collaboration with the CMI - Collaboration for International Mission (department of the General Administration of the Marist Brothers).

INITIATIVES

Prayer for peace: On the occasion of the war in Ukraine, a prayer for peace was published and sent out inviting Marist partners to be aware of the situations of suffering of thousands of people, due to the various wars and situations of violence in the world.

Day of the Rights of the Child and Adolescent campaign: On the occasion of the celebration of the Day of the Rights of the Child and Adolescent, on 20 November, the entire Marist

Institute, through its provincial delegates and participants in the different working groups, is invited to publish the work it is doing with the hashtag "ChildRights_Maristas", as a way of giving visibility to the initiatives developed in favour of the rights of children and young people.

Partners in Geneva: In order to deepen relations with the various partners, formal meetings and other more informal moments were organised throughout the year to share information, discuss possible future collaborations and discover challenges. In this regard, in addition to the organisations already mentioned (CCIG, BICE, CRC), relations with religious congregations present in Geneva were deepened.

MoU: In the last months of the year an MoU was signed between FMSI and the Solidarity Secretariat for the use of the name and office of FMSI in Geneva for actions directly related to the area of Advocacy. This is motivated by the intention of the Solidarity Secretariat to strengthen its work with the United Nations by hiring a person. Although this person will not work directly for FMSI, she will be able to work closely with the area of rights.

"Marists for Ukraine" campaign: With the outbreak of war in Ukraine, a campaign was launched to raise awareness, collect materials and funds to help people suffering from the war in the Country. Collaboration with other departments and secretariats of the General Administration of the Marist Brothers in this area is emphasised.





FOCUS ON SOME OF FMSI PROJECTS

EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

CONTEXT

In Cambodia, one in two people with disabilities (PWD) are out of the school system (UNESCO). Disability has denied them the opportunity to improve their lives. In 2018, Cambodia drafted a policy on inclusive education, but resources and training to address disability (still seen as a punishment) are also limited due to stigma. **The project “Educational and Health Programs for Children with Disabilities in Cambodia” was implemented in LaValla (Takhmao), a center for children with severe physical disabilities where 100 percent of the teachers are people with disability.** The beneficiaries attend elementary school inside the center and secondary school outside, in an inclusive school with children without disabilities; this helps them integrate fully and has a positive effect on the community: people have become aware and some support LaValla. The beneficiaries mostly come from rural areas and cannot attend school due to physical impediments, distance, poverty and discrimination. Since 1998, hundreds of people have received quality education (often LaValla is their only opportunity) and obtained jobs. **LaValla is a government-registered school and the first facility in Cambodia for the education of children with disabilities.** Subsequently, since the Covid 19 pandemic, conditions in Cambodia have gradually improved. All LaValla students, fully vaccinated, returned to school. During this period, the children attended physics classes and participated in many sports activities, meetings and social events, as they did before Covid 19. Sewing and music classes were activated, as was the case before Sept. 19. Elementary school students regularly attended these classes to acquire more life skills. By the end of August 2022, all students had completed their exams and most of them advanced to the next grade. **Activities carried out by the program include lessons in health and hygiene, art, games, computer skills, music and singing, handicrafts, sewing, science lessons, CPR, sports, swimming, visits to the local park and zoo, entertainment and movies.** Despite the difficulties, staff worked collaboratively with all teachers and assistants, parents, and all ground staff to improve overall health and control the spread of the Covid 19 pandemic and support students in their communities. **Each student received appropriate medical care, from physiotherapy to hydrotherapy, with daily monitoring of individual student health.**

AIM OF THE PROJECT:

The project aimed to support the families of students who experienced economic hardship and food shortages during the Covid-19 pandemic. We also support students with serious illnesses who need to be treated in the hospital when their families do not have the funds to cover the costs of transportation, food and/or some medications. Sick students were treated by health staff or the hospital when necessary. As a normal practice, students received physiotherapy or hydrotherapy by health staff. In addition, a major renovation was made to the roof of the library, computer lab and administrative office. Now the building can be used as usual. Since air conditioning is not used, the new roof has helped to significantly reduce the temperature inside the building, providing greater comfort for students and staff, especially during the dry season. The library has been updated with new computer equipment, textbooks, history books and more so that students can always acquire new knowledge.





CAMBODIA

The project in numbers

72	CHILDREN	→	boys and girls received rehabilitation treatment.
41	CHILDREN	→	have participated in the camp program.
30	BOYS AND GIRLS	→	have been accepted for enrolment at LaValla primary school for the new school year.
24	NEW STUDENTS	→	will come to study at LaValla.
1	LIBRARY	→	enriched with new teaching resources.

BOLIVIA “CHILDREN’S AND WOMEN’S RIGHTS IN BOLIVIA: FOLLOW UP ON THE UN BODIES RECOMMENDATIONS”

CONTEXT:

The project “Children’s and women’s rights in Bolivia: Follow up on the UN bodies recommendations” is designed as a follow-up to the Project implemented in Bolivia in 2018-2019, at the end of which 45 human rights defenders from 19 local and international organizations were trained on the United Nations mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights, particularly the UPR mechanism. The most important outcome of the previous project was the opportunity to have a broader and more accurate view of what can be improved in areas such as proactive participation, child labor, and gender-based violence for the better exercise of human rights. Based on previous findings and as a result of feedback received and conversations with members and partners working in the country, FMSI decided to implement a **new project focusing, in particular, on child and youth participation, gender-based violence, and child labor.** **UPR monitoring of Bolivia revealed weak compliance by the state with regard to some of the Basic Human Rights,** particularly with regard to the issues detailed below:

- **Child and Youth Participation:** During the last review of Bolivia, it was revealed that there is a total absence of direct involvement of children in the country, in total contradiction to the right of children to participate. During its 88th session, the CRC (Committee on the Rights of the Child – a group of experts that monitors the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child) suggested giving relevance to the views of children in decisions that directly affect them.
- **Gender-Based Violence:** Bolivia has one of the highest rates of sexual violence against children in all of South America and one of the lowest rates of reporting. According to recent reports, most of this violence takes place within the home or in the workplace of minors. Many girls between the ages of 15 and 19 believe it is justifiable for their husband or partner to beat them, as a normal part of a relationship.
- **Child Labor:** In 2014, Bolivia passed a new code that lowers the minimum working age to 10. As a result, in 2015, 20.2 percent of children between the ages of 7 and 14 were engaged in some of the worst forms of child labor, including mining and sugarcane harvesting.

AIM OF THE PROJECT:

The project was implemented in Bolivia and has aroused great public concern -both locally and internationally- the implementation of the recommendations that have emerged as a result of the UPR (Universal Periodic Review), the mechanism of the United Nations Human Rights Council tasked with periodically reviewing the Human Rights performance of all 193 member states. In a situation such as the one just described, **the project “Children’s and women’s rights in Bolivia: Follow up on the UN bodies recommendations” aimed to improve access to Human Rights by monitoring the implementation of the relevant UPR recommendations, focusing maximally on gender-based violence and child labor as well as on the right of children to participation.** For this purpose, the project fosters the development of critical skills such as enabling the effective monitoring of the application of their rights.





The projects in numbers

3.800 DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

25.200 INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

1.696 WOMEN → took part in workshops on violence against women.

1.570 CHILDREN AND TEACHER → trained in the school mediation programme.

SEEDS PSYCHO - SOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

CONTEXT:

For years the people of Aleppo have lived under bombardment seeing their friends and family injured or dead before their eyes; homes, factories, schools and hospitals destroyed. They were deprived of water, food and medicine and were separated from their families and friends as they fled the fighting.

The latest statistics show that 82% of the Syrian population is living below the poverty line. This percentage is still rising and the severe economic situation is having serious repercussions in all sectors. People are unable to cope with further psychological pressures.

According to UNICEF, more than three million Syrian children under the age of six know nothing but war and have grown up in fear of the conflict.

Refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) from conflict areas are exposed to significant psychological and social disturbances. This prolonged exposure to uncertainty causes many people to be in a state of 'toxic stress'. If left untreated, the long-term consequences can be even more severe, affecting physical and mental health.

In fact, **there has been an increase in anxiety states among children that often express themselves in loss of concentration, distraction and excessive movement,** as well as increased vulnerability among adults, particularly women.

AIM OF THE PROJECT:

The main objective of the 'SEEDS' Project is to support people in a vulnerable condition who have lived for many years in a war-torn country, with a special focus on children and girls who often know nothing but war and therefore need more psychological support.

The SEEDS project aims to ensure better mental and psychological health of the beneficiaries through a psychosocial and mental health support programme for children, girls, youth and adults.

The children are on a path that helps them improve their ability to interact with their peers, parents (or guardians) and other members of the community. Through the project, the children will acquire the necessary skills to understand and manage their emotions and develop empathy.

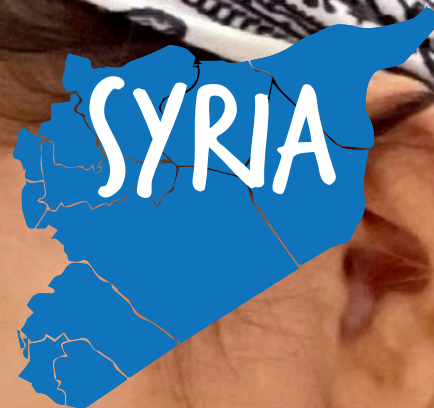
The SEEDS project provides life skills to adolescents, enabling them, through the teaching and dissemination of positive skills and behaviour, to cope effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life.

Finally, **the project supports adults to alleviate their suffering and difficulties.** It helps them to deal with failure and anger through various workshops. In addition, the project has a special focus on the needs of women, offering them a space for expression and support, with a special focus on those who are most vulnerable.

The project will pursue the following **objectives:**

- Training of staff through workshops to deliver social psychological support sessions to children, young people and adults;
- Increasing the children's level of emotional awareness and expression;
- Acquisition by the children of skills to manage emotions and to improve integration with peers and parents/guardians;
- Adolescents' and adults' ability to manage stress;
- Increased ability of parents/guardians to respond to their children's emotional needs;
- Distribution of basic necessities among beneficiaries.





The project in numbers

The project, funded from September 2022 to August 2023, in the first 4 months of implementation reached:

28	VOLUNTEERS	→ of the SEEDS project, have been trained an psychosocial support, children and child protection, facilitation skills, communication skills.
458	CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE	→ between 4 and 15 years old.
50	WOMEN	→ attend the support sessions.
22	ADULTS	→ attended the mental health awareness programm.
226	PARENTS/ CAREGIVERS	

LEADERS IN THE STRATEGIC AREAS OF MISSION DEVELOPMENT

CONTEXT:

On the occasion of the Bicentennial of the founding of the Marist Institute in 2017, **a diagnosis was made of the emerging needs in the world and in the lives of children, girls and young people to which the Global Marist Family wants to respond through a human rights-based approach and effective and sustainable actions.**

This assessment revealed the need to prepare a new generation of Marist leaders (religious and lay) with holistic training and skills and according to the “*servant leadership*” model proposed by Greenleaf: *“These types of leaders focus primarily on the growth and well-being of the people and communities to which they belong. While traditional leadership generally involves the accumulation and exercise of power by those at the “top of the pyramid,” servant leadership shares power, puts the needs of others first, and helps people develop and perform as well as possible. The leadership model is also inspired by the book “Marist Voices - Essays on Service and Prophetic Leadership” one of the Institute’s strategic documents, which is based on the key attitudes of trust, care, compassion and the spirit of service.*

Hence the idea of a formation program for the benefit of the entire Marist world to **“Know how to respond courageously to emerging needs...to move to the peripheries in defense of the poorest and most vulnerable; to commit ourselves firmly to promoting and defending the rights of children; to awaken in ourselves and those around us an ecological consciousness that engages us in caring for our common home.”**

AIM OF THE PROJECT

To achieve these aims, a **training course was designed for leaders who are able to improve the quality and effectiveness of Marist works in their territories and their positive impact in the lives of people in more vulnerable and marginalized conditions** by promoting co-responsibility, community participation, efficient and effective management, and planning of sustainable projects over time.

The course was designed and organized by Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS)-considered the best private university in the southern region of Brazil by the Ministry of Education (MEC) and with a long experience in this field.

The project, in collaboration with FMSI and funded by Misesan Cara, was the first training course in servant leadership and was conducted in a hybrid distance and in-presence manner. The distance phase is divided into 11 modules using the university’s virtual Moodle environment and online platform, with discussion forums and additional content such as video lectures and the use of e-books. The in-presence training took place over two weeks in Curitiba with lectures, interactive dynamics and visits to social projects, deepening the themes of the online modules.

At the end of the course, the 40 participants drafted an action plan through which to apply the training received and share its contents with local communities.

This first edition particularly involved Marist family members in Mozambique and Angola, where the need to invest in capacity building and strengthening organizational systems is greatest.





BRAZIL

The project in numbers

2

**COUNTRIES
IN AFRICA,
ANGOLA AND
MOZAMBIQUE**

→ with local leaders trained to facilitate the development of more quality and sustainable initiatives to benefit children, girls and youth in the most vulnerable and marginalized situations.

40

BENEFICIARIES

→ trained on the 'servant leadership' model.

3

PEOPLE

→ key members of the Marist socio-educational sector in Angola and Mozambique were able to participate in the training thanks to the support of Misesan Cara.

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**ACTION
PLAN**

→ drafted in order to share course content and disseminate best practices.





TESTIMONIALS

MAURICIO SIÑANIZ ZAMBRANA



"I AM VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING WITH CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE, ALWAYS IN THE AREA OF RIGHTS, PUTTING A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PROTAGONISTS AND ON COVERING SPACES OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP OR SPACES OF AND FOR THEM."

Mauricio Siñaniz Zambrana, coordinator of the Marist Sector Solidarity Team in Bolivia

My name is Mauricio Siñaniz Zambrana, I was born in Cochabamba Bolivia, I have a university degree in Educational Sciences, I am a Marist alumnus and I have been working since 2017 as coordinator of the Solidarity team in the Marist Sector Bolivia. **I am very passionate about working with children, adolescents and young people, always in the area of rights, with a lot of emphasis on protagonist participation and in covering spaces for entrepreneurship or spaces of them and for them.**

In my opinion, it has a lot to do with resilience, perhaps as a next step, something that from the experience and testimony given by the harshness of painful situations, intuitively generates an attitude of change and improvement in one's own life situation and in the life situation of others.

On a daily basis, I apply principles of 'anti-fragility' by giving constructive and proactive criticism, trying to challenge the idiosyncrasy that we Bolivians have, as seeing ourselves as a society of humiliated and dependent people. The challenge is to break with this thinking that makes us very dependent, especially economically, and even more so with government policies that strongly promote welfare and cultural resentment. It may seem utopian, but this way of thinking and being can be changed, and that requires a lot of coherence and conviction from all the citizens of the country.

In terms of the work I do with children and women in vulnerable situations in Bolivia, it seems to me that something that helps me a lot in applying anti-fragility is not to limit myself in the face of situations of indifference and disinterest on the part of the public authorities with whom I have to relate to work in activities that benefit these two vulnerable populations, and also to be very motivated by the testimonies of life and attitude of change to transform their realities, both on the part of the children and the women.

These are two examples:

- Knowing how to listen and let yourself be guided with adolescents and young leaders and with adolescents and child workers in Bolivia on how to work more assertively with them and for them, for example, when organising spaces for them to meet and interact, in the UPR Follow-up Project implemented in 2022, removing the adult-centric mentality of being and having control of everything and being part with adolescents and young people to animate these spaces, was a learning in the various meetings we were able to have to carry out.
- Knowing how to listen allowed me to channel the proposal of the children and adolescent workers by their request to hold a second meeting within the Project. Making this happen allowed me to reinvent myself in the face of something that is sometimes difficult to understand, opting for what is essential and significant and leaving aside what is not important.



SOTHUN NOP



"WE ALSO WORK TO IMPROVE THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES BY INVOLVING THEM IN VARIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS, INFORMING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VALUES AND CONTRIBUTION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN BUILDING A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY. "

Sothun Nop, Executive Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia (MSC)

I am Sothun Nop, Executive Director of Marist Solidarity Cambodia (MSC). MSC was established in 2008 and works to improve the lives and dignity of children and youth with physical disabilities through supporting access to education from primary to higher levels, health care and rehabilitation services, vocational training programmes and employment opportunities. **We also work to improve the rights of persons with disabilities** by involving them in various social events, informing the public about the values and contribution of persons with disabilities in building a just and peaceful society.

For us, antifragility refers to a system of readiness to cope with challenges or disturbances. This system evolves or adapts over time according to the changing situation. The process of adapting the antifragility system occurs through critical reflections on past experiences or activities, involving different perspectives among our staff members.

We have applied the theme of antifragility in our daily life and in our work for children with disabilities by analysing current challenges and anticipating future contingencies. We often think in advance about what we need to prepare and what action to take in the event of disruptions such as the impacts of Covid-19, violence or discrimination among our staff and students, the occurrence of serious health/illness issues or general safety.

In the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, for example, we informed our staff and students to remain vigilant in the face of any unexpected transmission or impact. Everyone must be cautious and follow health protocols, including vaccination, to ensure that all MSC members and their families are safe. One is advised to take care of yourself by promoting clean living, eating and drinking to maintain and strengthen your immune system, making you healthier in your daily life. In addition, we have set up a mechanism to prevent the spread of Covid 19 or other contagious diseases within our premises by forming a health monitoring group and contracting doctors/clinics to provide immediate consultation or treatment not only for Covid 19, but also for other health problems.

In addition, based on our experience of managing education for our students during Covid 19, especially in the closed period, our staff members and students were introduced to the use of electronic devices for online teaching and learning. Teachers and students are now more capable of using technology to enhance their research and learning process. It is believed that these experiences and new skills will help us better overcome further problems by reinventing techniques and tools according to the nature of interruptions.



BR. GEORGE SABÉ



"MY JOB, OUR JOB HERE, IS TO GIVE PEACE OF MIND AND SECURITY TO CHILDREN AND PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE (CIRCUMSTANCES)."

Br. George Sabé, a Marist Brother working in Aleppo.

I am Georges Sabé, a Marist Brother. In 2011 when the war started in Syria, I asked to the Provincial Brother to allow me to return to Aleppo, my hometown, to be close to my people.

Inspired by the Marist Charism, we founded the **Blue Marists** with a Syrian couple. Our main mission was not to stand idly by in the face of the horrible situation of the displaced and people in vulnerable conditions but to sow hope.

From 2011 until today, the Syrian population has suffered from war, Covid 19 and Western sanctions. Suffering means bombed schools, lack of jobs, extreme poverty, emigration of young people, displacement of millions of people out of or into the Country, and destruction of buildings and entire villages. Sometimes it means completely cutting off water for months, it means rationing electricity for up to two hours a day. The list can go on. We have gone from a producing population to a needy population, a population mostly below the poverty level. In addition, there is the psychological situation and, above all, the loss of hope.

The Marist response was energetic, quick, and efficient. Our principle has been very clear since the early days of the war: listen to the suffering of the population and help the families in the most vulnerable condition. The **anti-fragility**, for me, has been to face these difficulties together with my people and my community, trying, united, to improve our living conditions, both physically and mentally.

The most important thing is to bring some light into these dramatic situations. **What is important is to offer hope in the midst of the psychological, human and economic darkness that my people are experiencing.** People are suffering a lot; we must bring light after this trauma. My task, our task here in Aleppo, is to give peace and security to children and people in vulnerable conditions.

The Blue Marists are 155 young volunteers working in various programmes: education, development, emergencies, and psychological support. From the very beginning, we felt we had to prepare our population for the future: **a future of peace and non-violence, and we believe this is only possible through education.** Preparing for the future means having a job that allows people to live with dignity, earn a living and participate in the economic reconstruction of the Country. Preparing for the future means supporting young people and adults with trauma to have balanced mental health. This is how the SEEDS (*Support Emotional Expression Development Skills*) project was born, a name that sums up the Marist mission in Aleppo: to support the emotional development of the population affected by the armed conflict.

All our actions come from the heart, **we want to bring peace and hope.** We want the future to be human, without prejudice.



BR. ANTONIO MAVEZE ARMANDO



"BY WORKING AS A TEAM, BY INVOLVING MORE PEOPLE, WE ARE ABLE TO CHANGE MANY MORE THINGS FOR THE BETTER."

Br. Antonio Maveze Armando, Marist Brother working in Mozambique

In my training as a Marist Brother I had already touched on the topic of leadership but it was only with this course on Leadership in Service ("Servant leadership") that I had the opportunity to learn in depth and I sincerely thank the Misesan Cara organization with FMSI and the Marist Institute who gave me such an opportunity.

The aspect that impressed me most about servant leadership training is that of always promoting and using teamwork. I used to think that the leader was the one who did everything, that he alone made the decisions. That has been my perception until now. Instead, I have found that the leader makes things happen, that he promotes teamwork, and that we all have more capacity to transform reality together over time.

For example, in the school, the main environment of our work, **through teamwork with the involvement of people we are able to change many more things for the better.** During the course there were many practical exercises where I could actually experience working together and see how important it was and enabled us to achieve better results.

Certainly this course is very useful for the reality I come from, Mozambique, which presents quite a few challenges. Before independence as Marist Brothers we had some schools in the cities and we used a good part of the income from the fees of those schools to finance education for children and youth in more economically vulnerable conditions. With the country's independence we had to abandon that service and now we run only 3 schools-which are in a very critical situation-in rural areas. The schools are in areas where poverty is particularly widespread and widespread, and our work for children and youth is no longer self-financing but relies on international aid. Unfortunately, the biggest challenge right now for us is that we are unable to meet the needs of our youth. The Marist communities are made up of brothers and young staff who are very willing to work for the education of the youth and for their Country, but the economic situation is very limiting.

Many of our young people, if they are not helped by us, cannot go to school or are forced to drop out halfway through, with the waste of so many talents and skills and the perpetuation of poverty.

Through the course I was able to acquire tools that will help me to enhance local capacities, to think of a Marist mission development plan here where there is so much need, to better manage the resources we have.

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Other challenges of the local reality include the status of women, and we would like to develop a project to change the mentality by involving girls and boys and our school staff. Another idea to respond to the great youth unemployment is to create a modern training center that functions as a campus. I am preparing a project on these issues using what I learned during the course in leadership, which included training in design.



OTHER SOLIDARITY ACTIONS

FMSI's values (Equity, Solidarity, Justice and Non-discrimination) guide all the Foundation's actions.

In 2022, FMSI contributed to the support of numerous activities including:

- **Distribution of approximately 1,000,000 pieces of personal protective equipment** (surgical masks) to counter the COVID-19 pandemic. The material was distributed to regional health facilities located in the city of Rome and to the Italian Red Cross (approximately 700,000) for distribution to their own clients.
- **Distribution of goods and food** donated by the Military Ordinariate and individuals and redistributed to Ukrainian refugees in the city of Rome through the Parish of St. Hilary of Poitiers.
 - 40 litres of olive oil
 - 270 kilos of food
 - 70 kilos of medicines
 - 520 kilos of clothes
 - 15 hygiene kits
 - Various baby accessories
- **Purchase and distribution of food** for families and children in Aleppo, Syria, through the 5x1000 campaign. 811 families, both Christian and Muslim, in conditions of extreme vulnerability were supported, reaching a total of 3,025 people.

FMSI also coordinated with the Italian Armed Forces the **logistical support** (transport by Air Force aircraft) **for two shipments of school materials to the Lasallian secondary school Issa Béri in Niger.**



15 YEARS OF SOLIDARITY

"THIS IS FMSI'S TASK:

TO WORK TO ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE

FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD".

ANDREA ROSSI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FMSI

On 21 October, 2022, the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity commemorated its 15th anniversary of working for the rights of children and young people with a special event in the Generalate.

The celebration was an opportunity to share the activities and goals achieved by the Foundation in its first 15 years, through the projects and interventions carried out all over the world.

"We are happy to celebrate 15 years of FMSI's activities. We know that in various parts of the world there are organisations similar to the Institute at national or regional level, and FMSI tries to be in contact with all of them. FMSI, together with the Solidarity Secretariat, are of great support to the Institute. They help us to be a prophetic voice and to respond concretely to the needs of those living on the margins of today's society. Thank you all for your support and collaboration". These are the words of Brother Ernesto Sánchez Barba, Superior General of the Marist Brothers.

"During its 15 years of history, FMSI has supported over 400 projects in 65 countries, raised 9,000,000 Euros of funds donated to projects and presented 57 reports on children's rights through United Nations mechanisms". These were the words of Brother Ken McDonald, President of FMSI, who further thanked Brother Ernesto and the members of the General Council for their continued support. He also thanked the staff who work every day within FMSI, the Board of Directors, partners and donors. **FMSI has been working every day for 15 years in favour of migrant children, refugees and victims of violence, through solidarity, advocacy and emergency projects.**

Dr. Nabil Antaki, representing the Blue Marists, was present at the event and spoke about the vocation of solidarity in Aleppo and the situation Syria has been experiencing for many years now. Also present, were Brother Valdicer Civa Fachi, Director of CMI, who spoke about the opportunity to transform society through inter-congregational collaboration (a concrete example is the Brothers Project carried out with the Lasallian Brothers) and Brother Angel Diego Garcia Otaola, Director of the Solidarity Secretariat, who coordinates advocacy initiatives together with FMSI.

During the event, FMSI presented the **"Marist Program of the Year"** award to the **"Marcellin Juvenile Justice Program"** (in the Philippines), which aims to provide new alternative opportunities to prison for the social inclusion of minors at risk and in conflict with the law. Brother Crispin, Executive Director of the Marcellin Foundation, said: *"With your help and the support of FMSI, we have been able to give a second chance; sometimes many more chances, and a better future for children and young people at risk".*

Agnes Reyes, (volunteer programme coordinator of the Marcellino Foundation's projects) accepted the award and said: *"We thank FMSI for its full support and technical assistance in the implementation of the project.*

The prize **"A Better World for Children"** was awarded to **"MAISHA MAPYA - A New Life"**, founded in the north of Chivu (eastern Congo), by the volunteer group "Heart without Borders". The project is aimed at children and girls who are victims of numerous traumas such as separation from their parents, forced flight from their village, dispersion from their community, being a victim of armed conflicts, exploitation and forced recruitment.

Professor Cristina Castelli, who accepted the award, said that, from the very beginning, the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity has always been close to BICE (the first institution that has contributed its potential and values to this great association), and that, like BICE, (Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance), it too has the good of children as its goal. The *"A Better World for Children"* prize wants to become a regular appointment of FMSI and will be awarded each year to the most deserving projects.

"This is FMSI's task: to work to ensure a better future for those who will be the future of our world. Proud of our achievements, we wish to share them with those who have supported us over the years, helping us to make FMSI what it is today," said Andrea Rossi, FMSI Director.





ORGANIZATION

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Marist Foundation for International Solidarity Onlus is a Foundation of Participation and has its legal and operative headquarters at the General House of the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools (its Founder) in Piazzale Marcellino Champagnat n.2 in Rome. Its fiscal code is 97484360587.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>
President	Br Kenneth Charles McDonald – FMS	Australia	2022 - 2024
General Secretary	Maria Inmaculada Maillo	Spain	2022 - 2024
	Jorge Gaio – FMS	Brazil	2022 - 2024
	Angela Matulli	Italy	2022 - 2024
	Rebecca Jane Bromhead	Australia	2022 - 2024
	Fortune Chiedzo Chakasara – FMS	Zimbabwe	2022 - 2024

The term of office of the previous Board members ended with the approval of the 2021 Annual Report at the Board meeting on 31/05/2022. The new Board, in office since 01/06/2022, then met on 02/12/2022. The meetings were held in presence at the Foundation’s headquarters and it was possible for some Board members to join the meetings in telematic mode, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association. The term of office of the Board members ends with the approval of the 2024 Budget.

In addition to the ordinary management activities proper to the Board, including the approval of the 2021 Final and 2022 Budget and the 2021 Social Budget, all the measures to comply with the new regulations Legislative Decree no. 117/2017 - Third Sector Code - were discussed and adopted. It is important to point out that the Foundation’s new Articles of Association will enter into force subject to the valid registration of the Entity in the Single National Register of the Third Sector (RUNTS), pursuant to Article 45 of Legislative Decree no.117/2017, and that the procedure has been started in December 2022. The members of the Board of Directors do not receive compensation.

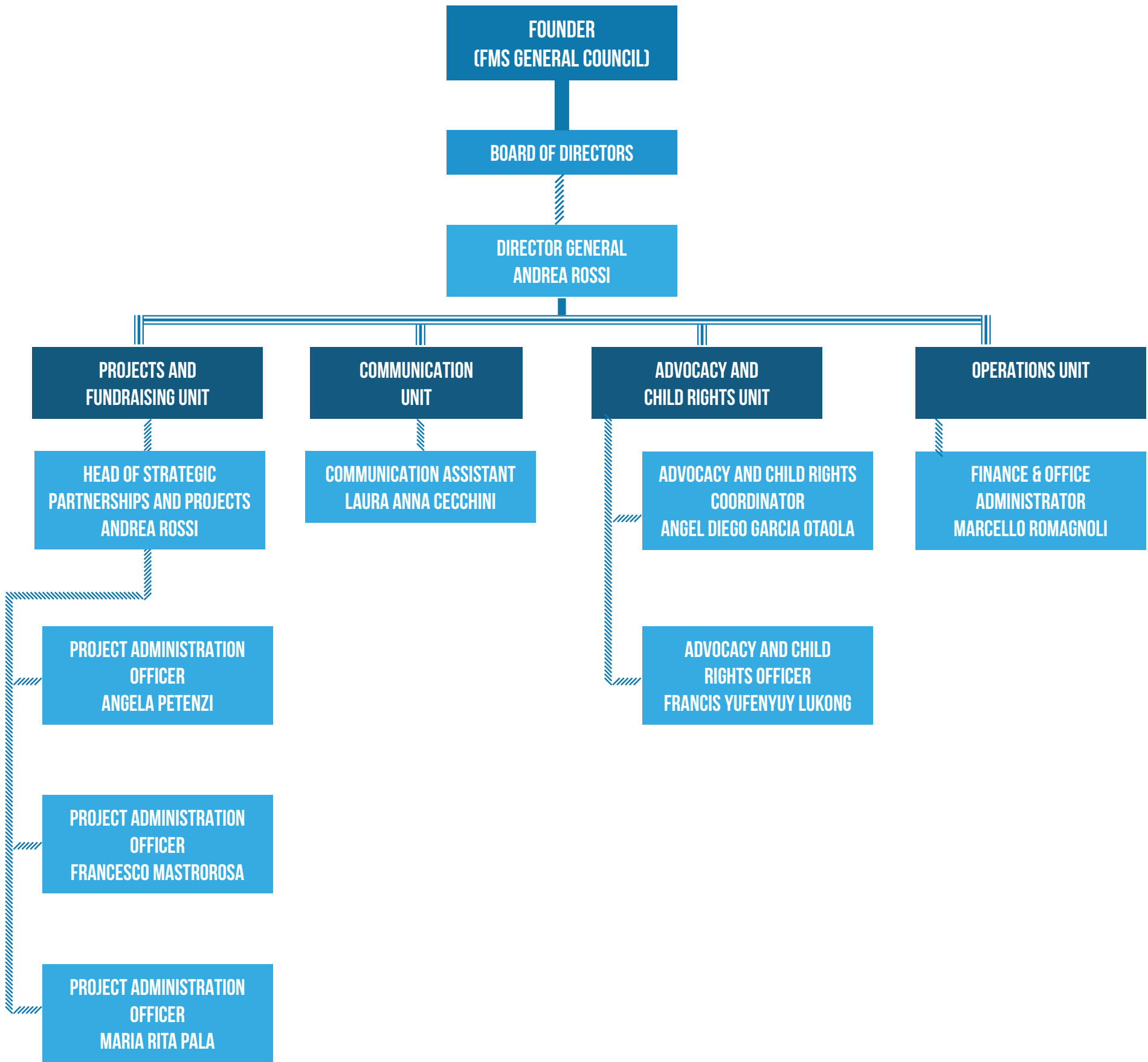
BOARDS OF AUDITORS

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM OF OFFICE</u>
Presidente	Luigino Fiorio	2020 - 2022
	Giovanni Battista Provenzano	2020 - 2022
	Fabrizio Levantini	2020 - 2022
Deputy	Giovanni Sebastio	2020 - 2022
Deputy	Rocco Positano	2020 - 2022

The total remuneration paid in 2022 to the Board of Auditors is equal to Euro 10,500.00.

ORGANIGRAM

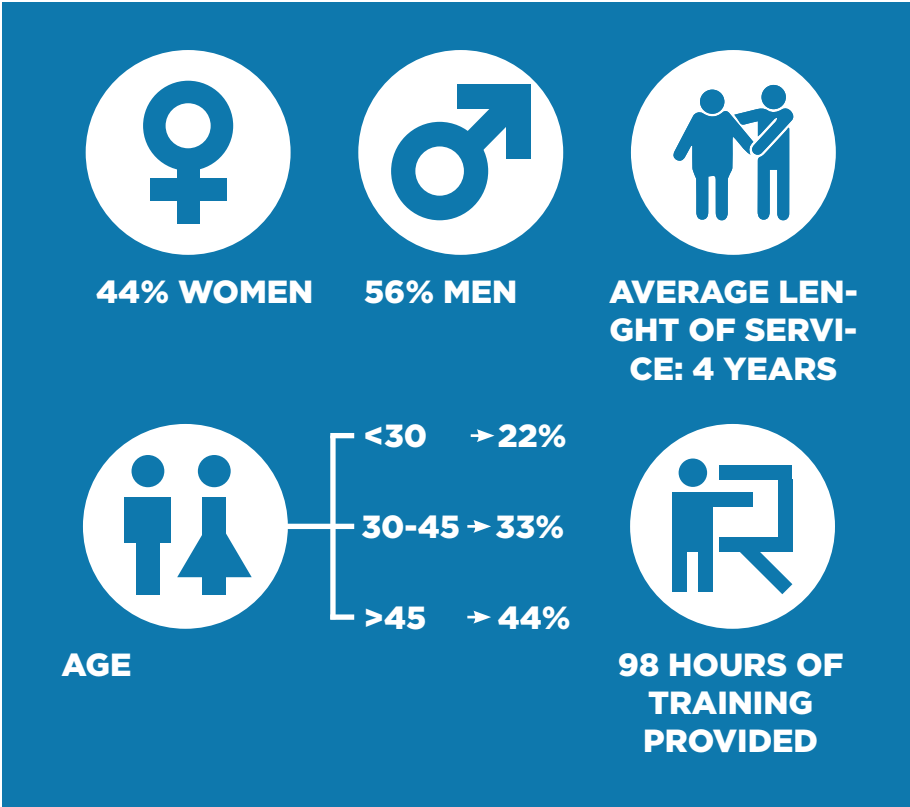
SITUATION IN FORCE IN DECEMBER 2022



Supervisory body - Lawyer Luca Pardo

In accordance with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001, although it is not required to do so by law, FMSI has its own MOGC 231 Model, a Code of Ethics and a Supervisory Board, a post assigned to Lawyer Luca Pardo.

FMSI STAFF



During the year 2022, FMSI's operational staff consisted of 7 persons: a General Manager, 1 unit coordinator, a communication assistant and four project managers. The contract applied is the National Collective Labour Agreement "Social Welfare Institutions, AGIDAE" and 80% of the employees in force as at 31/12/22 were employed on a permanent basis.

There are also three people working in a voluntary capacity in the area of fundraising from individuals and awareness-raising campaigns. Worthy of note is the valuable unpaid work performed by the two Brothers working in the Advocacy and Child Rights unit. The work of the volunteers and Brothers is highlighted in the Imputed Costs section of the Annual Report.

In compliance with the regulations of the Code of the Third Sector, Legislative Decree 117/2017 art.16, the ratio of the maximum pay difference between FMSI employees - calculated on the basis of gross annual remuneration - is 2.58; therefore, lower than the maximum ratio of 1 to 8.

CONTRACTUAL LEVELS STABLE

ROLE	LEVEL	TYPE OF CONTRACT
Director	F2	Open-ended contract Full-time
Unit Coordinator	D1	Open-ended contract Full-time
Project Manager	C2	Fixed-term contract Part-time
Project Manager	D1	Open-ended contract* Full-time*
Project Manager	D1	Open-ended contract Part-time
Project Manager	D1	Open-ended contract Part-time
Officer	C2	Fixed-term contract Part-time

*transformation from fixed-term to December 2022

SALARY TABLE

RAL (EURO)	N.EMPLOYEES
15.000 - 19.000	4
20.000 - 24.999	1
25.000 - 45.000	2

Two extracurricular traineeships were activated during the year. The first internship, within the Lazio Region's Youth Guarantee programme, lasted 6 months and ended in June 2022; the intern had the opportunity to acquire and strengthen skills in institutional communication within the third sector, individual fundraising and the promotion of specific projects or awareness campaigns. Subsequently, the resource undertook an apprenticeship within FMSI. The second 6-month internship started in October 2022 and will end in March 2023.

The intern's objective is to acquire and strengthen skills in the development and presentation of project proposals for education and the promotion of children's rights and to support project managers in the implementation and reporting of ongoing projects, including communication activities.

The distribution of the work commitment of FMSI staff is strongly oriented towards the management of ongoing projects in the different countries of the world and the search for funding opportunities for new development projects. No less important are the work and attention paid to guaranteeing the correct and transparent management of the organisation and its processes.

In 2022 FMSI equipped itself with an internal management control system to monitor and calibrate the workload of human resources in the different areas of intervention. This system allows analytical reporting of the workload in accordance with the classifications required by the

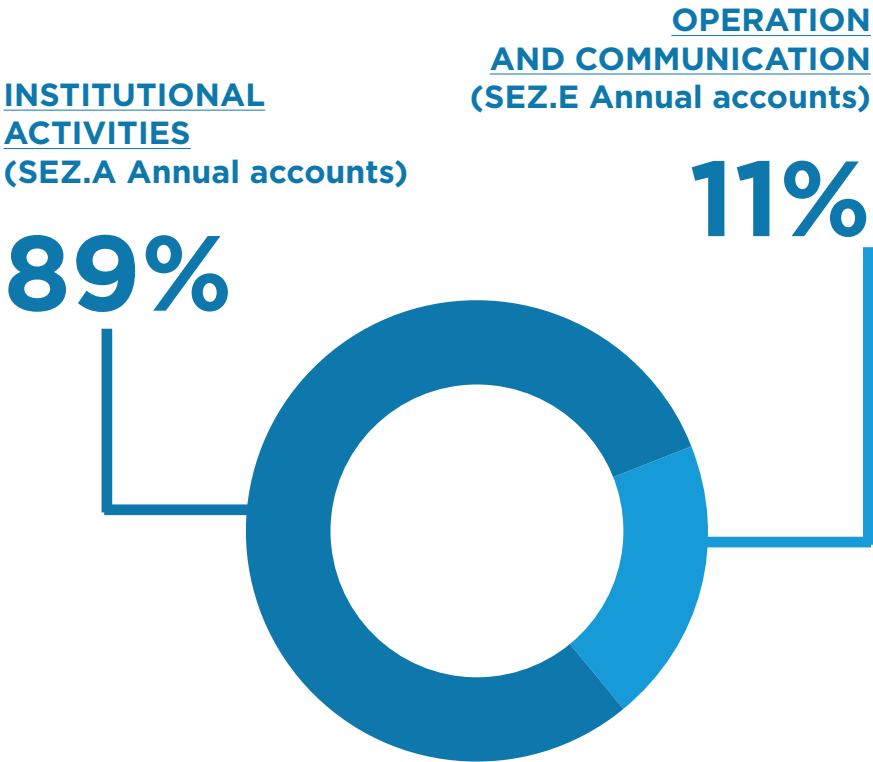
regulations of the Third Sector Code. The projection takes up the breakdown of human resources commitment adopted when drawing up the Annual Report. Annually, the FMSI Board allocates funds for strengthening and enhancing the skills of its staff.

During 2022, there were 9 training courses, for a total of 98 hours of training provided, and they involved the entirety of the Foundation's employees, impacting on what have been identified as the main 4 areas of interest:

- Language skills, 2 courses and 100% of staff involved
- Technical skills (design area and operation area), 4 courses and 60% of staff involved
- GDPR and D. Lgs. Legislative Decree 231/2001, 2 courses and 100% of staff involved
- Other team building events, 1 course and 100% of staff involved

Particular attention was paid to measures to contain contagion from Corona Virus. Better space management and the use of agile work, as provided for in Article 4 of the Prime Ministerial Decree of 01/03/2020, ensured that no cases of contagion occurred in the Office. This result was also achieved by applying an internal regulation that provided for the fiduciary isolation of employees who had had first or second level contact with Covid-test positive persons. Personal protective equipment (FFP2 masks) was made available to employees when they entered the facility.

**DISTRIBUTION
OF STAFF EFFORT**



FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENDITURES	2022	2021
A) Expenditure on general interest activities		
1) Supplies	967 €	382 €
2) Services	36.052 €	18.620 €
3) Use of third party assets	9.880 €	9.047 €
4) Staff costs	184.713 €	113.402 €
5) Annual amortizations	516 €	606 €
7) Other charges	16.507 €	9.141 €
7.1) Donations for projects	1.208.959 €	753.435 €
Total A)	1.457.593 €	904.632 €
C) Fundraising costs		
1) Costs for regular fundraising	6.539 €	3.593 €
Total C)	6.539 €	3.593 €
D) Charges from financial assets and liabilities		
1) Bank charges	1.490 €	1.427 €
Total D)	1.490 €	1.427 €
E) Operating expenses		
1) Supplies		
2) Services	31.200 €	22.590 €
3) Staff costs	22.679 €	64.279 €
7) Other charges	13.492 €	7.615 €
Total E)	67.371 €	94.484 €
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1.532.993 €	1.004.137
Figurative Costs		
1) From general interest activities	187.333 €	102.506 €
Total	187.333 €	102.506 €

INCOME**2022****2021****A) Revenue from general interest activities**

1) Donations from Founder	310.820 €	148.900 €
5) Public contribution (5 per mille)	23.734 €	
6) Donations from private entities	1.124.684 €	734.782 €
8) Donations from government agencies		10.602 €
10) Other revenues	200 €	160 €
Total A)	1.459.438 €	894.445 €

C) Revenues from fundraising activities

1) Revenues from regular fundraising	23.115 €	1.252 €
Total C)	23.115 €	1.252 €

D) Revenues from financial and asset activities

1) From bank	1.202 €	1.198 €
2) From other financial assets		
Totale D)	1.202 €	1.198 €

TOTAL INCOME**1.483.755 €****896.895 €**

Surplus/Deficit for the year (+/-)

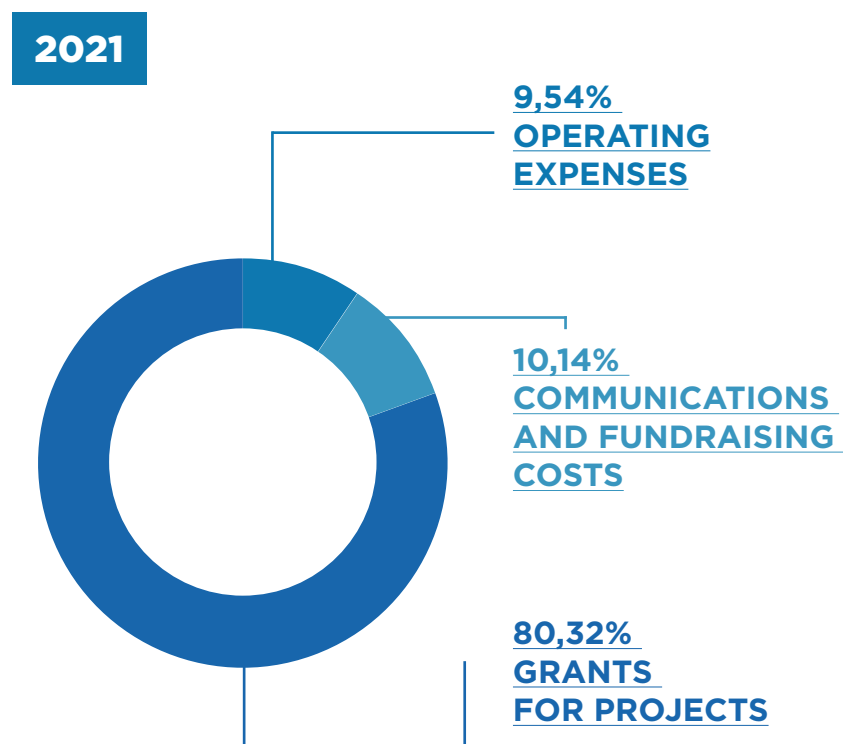
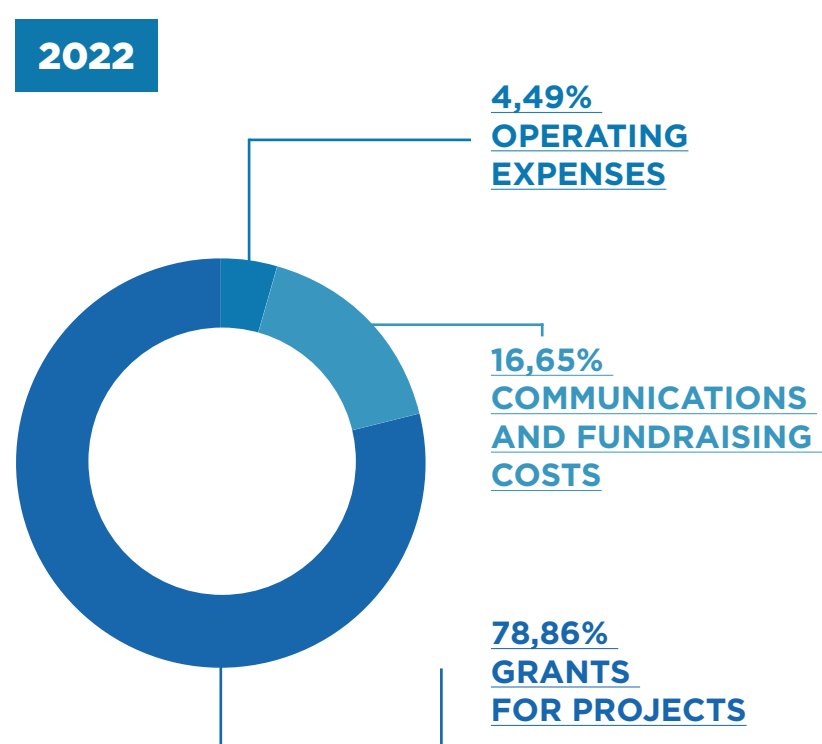
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-107.241 €

Figurative Costs**2022****2021**

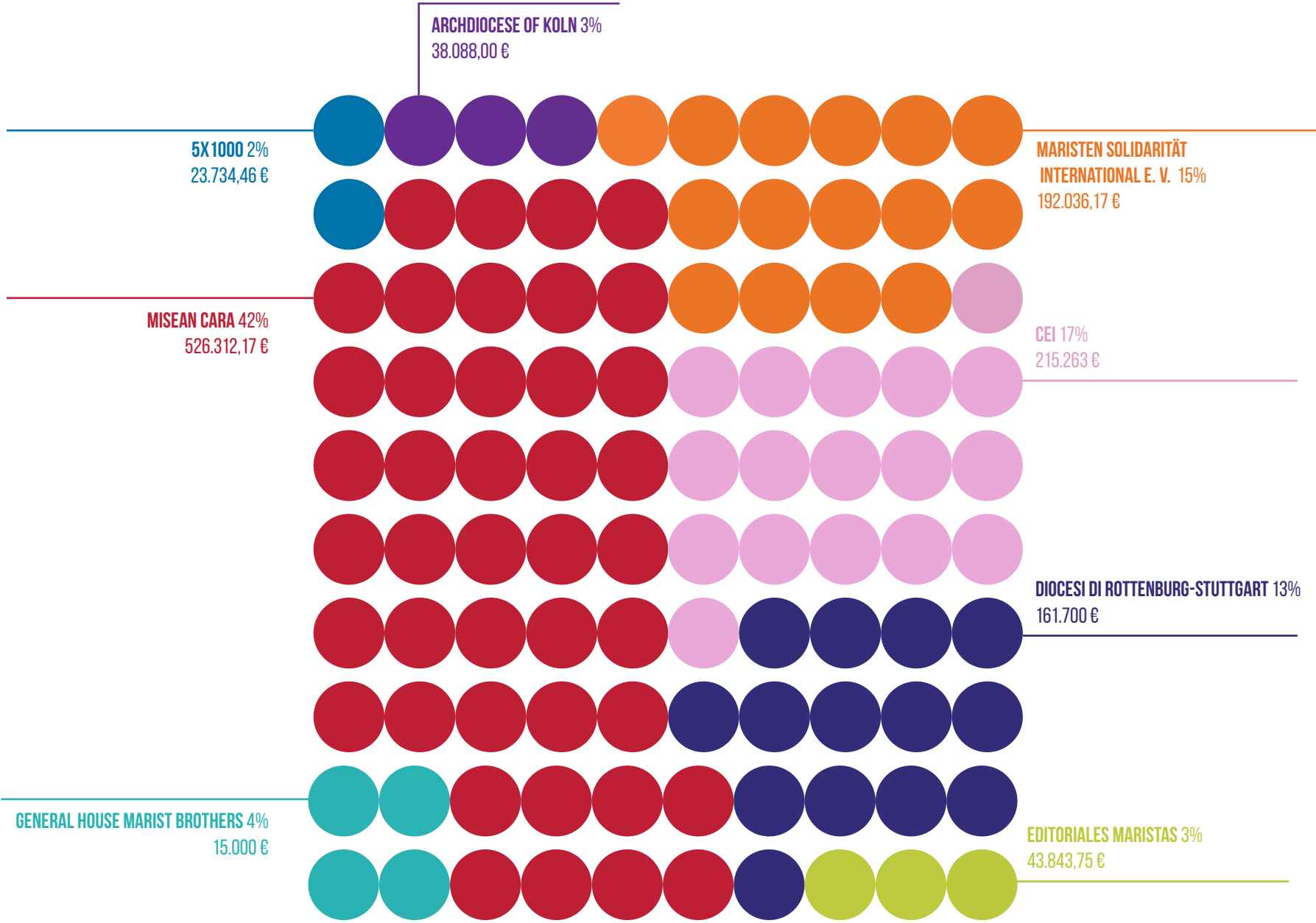
1) From general interest activities

74.202 €

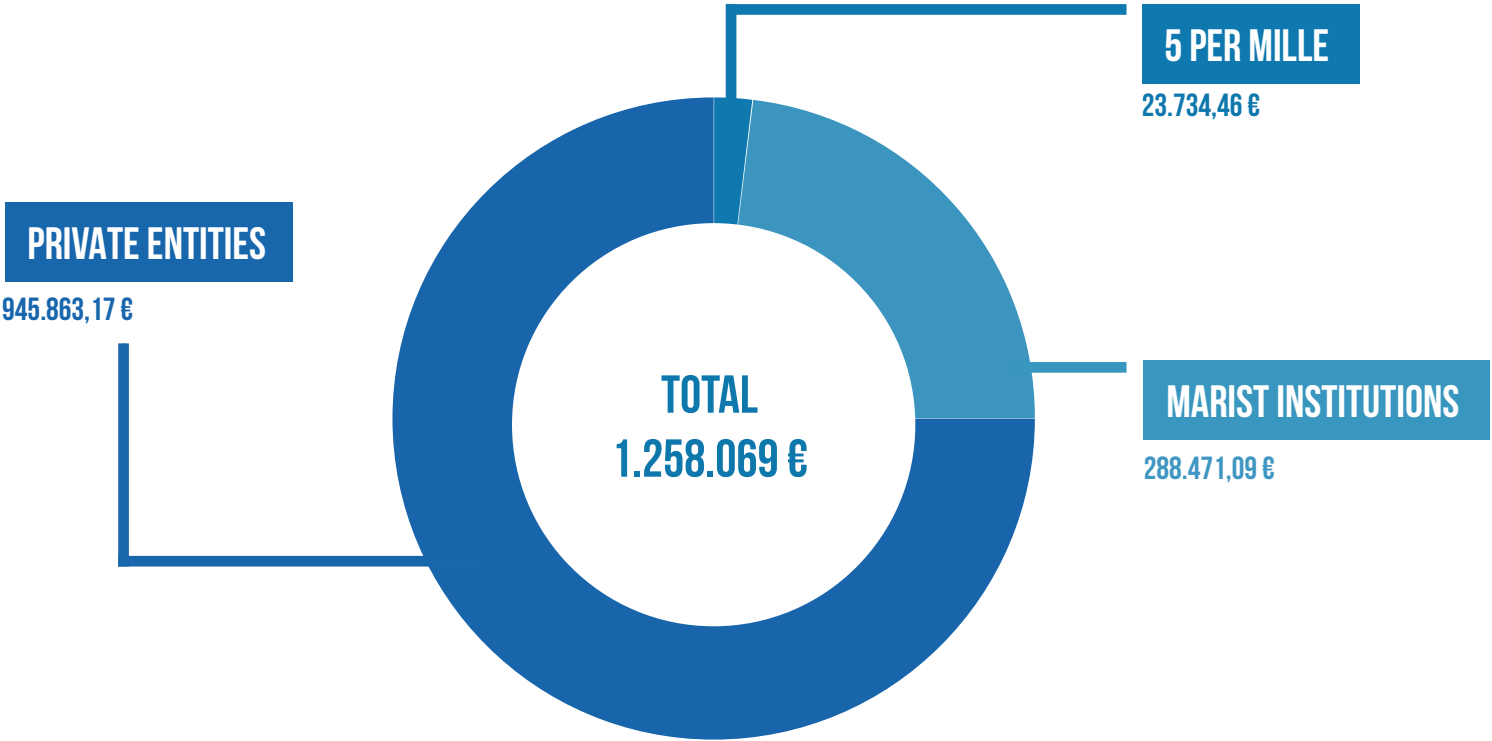
Total**74.202 €**

FUNDS DISBURSED

MAIN DONORS



DONATIONS BY CATEGORY





NETWORKS



BICE is an international network of more than 80 organisations around the world committed to defending the dignity and rights of children. BICE bases its work on the Convention on the Rights of the Child in which it participated in the drafting process. BICE works in partnership with its network members in various areas of the world where children are victims of violence, poverty, discrimination, war and forced displacement. BICE advocates for children's rights in national and international institutions, in particular at the United Nations, actively participating in the Human Rights Council and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. BICE also carries out a number of research projects, in particular on resilience, children's rights and spirituality. FMSI has been a member of BICE for more than 10 years, with whom it has carried out projects on the training of educators and local workers and on resilience. FMSI and BICE have also collaborated in reporting on the situation of children in UPR states and in organising advocacy and awareness-raising events.



The **CCIG** (*Centre Catholique International de Genève*) was founded in 1950 and over time the network has involved an increasing number of organisations working in the fields of development co-operation, education, social assistance and human rights. With over fifty years of experience in working with the United Nations and its Consultative Status with ECOSOC, CCIG provides services and assistance to NGOs that relate to or work with the UN system. CCIG, through its network, promotes the exchange of information and good practices among NGOs in their relations with international organisations, offers training sessions and seminars on the mechanisms for the defence of Human Rights within the United Nations, and fosters the sharing of experiences through NGO meetings and public awareness-raising events. FMSI and CCIG jointly carry out projects to strengthen local communities and train operators as well as initiatives in defence of Human Rights - in particular children's rights - in different countries.



Child Rights Connect is a global network of 80 national and international non-governmental organizations committed to ensuring that all children fully enjoy their rights as defined by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Child Rights Connect works with independent NGOs in all countries that have ratified the CRC and/or its optional protocols. Since its foundation in 1983, the group of NGOs has gained significant experience on the issue of children's rights, providing a coordinated platform for NGO action and playing a central role in key developments in children's rights. As a network, it has members at national, regional and international level, including other child-led networks and organisations. Child Rights Connect has a working relationship with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and enjoys ECOSOC special consultative status at the UN, which makes the network fully entitled to take part in UN deliberations.



Edmund Rice International (ERI) is a non-governmental organisation committed to ensuring better living conditions for children and young people who are marginalised due to poverty, lack of access to education, legal status, the environment in which they live or who are involved in armed conflicts. ERI works at the international level to promote and defend the rights of children and youth, in particular the primary right to education. FMSI and ERI collaborate in international campaigns for children's rights and in reporting on the situation of children and young people in States participating in the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) mechanism.



FOCSIV (Federazione degli Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario) is the largest Italian federation of Christian organisations for international cooperation and volunteering, with 86 member organisations operating in more than 80 countries around the world to implement development projects in the following sectors: social health, agriculture and food, education and training, protection of children and adolescents, institutional strengthening, and defence of human rights and gender equality. FMSI is a member of FOCSIV and actively participates in the initiatives promoted by the Federation such as awareness and information campaigns, fundraising, institutional lobbying and regional projects.



The **Rome Catholic NGO Forum** was created to promote the active role of NGOs in civil society at various levels (local, national and international) and at the United Nations, contributing to the implementation of Human Rights and the promotion of social justice. FMSI participated in the Seminar "Youth and agriculture: Looking to the future with Hope" on 28 June 2022 organised at FAO by the Dicastery for Human Development and the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to FAO, IFAD and WFP, in collaboration with the Forum of Catholic NGOs.



Rete Editoriales The three Marist Publishing Houses - Edelvives in Spain, Gram in Argentina and FTD in Brazil - work in a network to create synergies and new opportunities for the Marist mission through business, promoting education as a factor of human and social development. The three publishing houses support FMSI's programmes for access to school for children in situations of economic vulnerability and marginalisation.



Fratelli is a Lebanese association formed by the Marist Brothers and the De la Salle Brothers that was set up to implement joint programmes for children, girls and young people - Lebanese and migrants/refugees - in a more vulnerable condition. In particular, the Association is in charge of the Brothers Programme for the social inclusion, human and economic promotion of Syrian refugees in Lebanon through training activities (literacy, schooling, vocational courses), socialisation and recreational activities aimed especially at children, girls and young people.

PARTNERS



The Marist Solidarity Network **Corazón Solidario** was officially founded in 2006 in Belo Horizonte to promote collaboration between NGOs, Foundations and other Marist entities in Latin America for solidarity and Children's Rights. FMSI participates in the network's coordinating committee which is responsible for defining rules for collaboration, planning strategies and initiatives, and promoting training courses for network members. The Corazón Solidario Network consists of 26 regional Marist organisations for solidarity and promotion of children's rights, 5 international NGOs, 13 local and national NGOs, 42 local informal groups.



The **Blue Marists**, born in 2012 inspired by the Marist charism, take their name from the blue colour of their T-shirts which makes them easily recognisable to the population. Since the beginning of the war in Syria, the group, made up of 155 people of all ages, Christians and Muslims, runs 15 aid programmes for the population of Aleppo and displaced communities in nearby camps, for assistance with basic needs (food, milk for children, hot meals for lonely elderly people, medical care, housing) training (schooling for children, vocational training for young people and adults, promotion of women) and starting up local micro-enterprises.



The **De La Salle Foundation Solidarity International** is a non-profit organisation founded by the Brothers of the Christian Schools to promote the rights of children in order to facilitate their access to education and training, with a special focus on children at risk of social and educational exclusion. Particular emphasis is placed on the promotion of gender equality and the sustainability of projects. FMSI and De La Salle Solidarietà Internazionale have been collaborating for years in the realisation of projects to support migrant and refugee children and in the training of local educators.



Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) is an Australian international organisation working in the field of development cooperation. Focusing its work in the Asia-Pacific region, AMS implements projects mainly in the education sector to ensure access to quality education for vulnerable children and youth by initiating programmes and building school facilities. The collaboration between FMSI and AMS has focused over the years on the implementation of inclusive school projects with the strong involvement of local communities.



The Spanish **NGO SED (Solidaridad Educación Y Desarrollo)** works for the promotion of the Right to Education in Africa, Latin America and some countries in Europe and Asia. In Spain it works in the field of Development Education and for social change for a more just and united world, through awareness-raising campaigns, promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights. Promoted by the Marist Brothers of Spain, SED trains more than 100 volunteers a year and accompanies them in their service in volunteer programmes in 14 countries.



The organisation **Solidarity with South Sudan** was born out of an initiative of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) and the Union of Superiors General (USG) to promote the development of the State of South Sudan through education, health and sustainable agriculture. FMSI has supported Solidarity with South Sudan programmes in four communities, in particular the training of local primary school teachers, nurses and midwives.



Croce Rossa Italiana

The **Red Cross** aims to provide health and social assistance both in times of peace and war. The ICRC is placed under the patronage of the President of the Republic and is part of the International Red Cross Movement. In its actions at the international level it coordinates with the International Committee of the Red Cross, in countries in conflict, and with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies for other interventions. FMSI donated food and medical supplies to the Italian Red Cross for prevention at Covid.



The **Marcellin Foundation** was founded in 1993 by the Marists of the Philippines to 'support and promote the general welfare of children at risk and children in conflict with the law'. FMSI contributes to its work by supporting the Marcellin Centre, which provides a safe and familiar environment for street children and a comprehensive rehabilitation alternative to prison for children in conflict with the law, in partnership with the government, schools and local employers, promoting the improvement of the local juvenile justice system.



The **Three2Six Programme** - years in the making in South Africa - was established with the aim of providing migrant and refugee children with a quality education in order to be able to enter the formal school system. FMSI has been supporting and collaborating with Three2Six since 2016, with over 2,500 boys and girls successfully attending the programme. Three2Six has received national and international recognition and participates in numerous advocacy and awareness-raising activities on the issue of access to quality education for migrant and refugee children.



ESERCITO

The **Italian Army** has been supporting FMSI's projects since 2018 - the year in which it made a concrete effort to support the commitment of the Marist Brothers community in Lebanon, which is engaged in the front line in guaranteeing quality education to Syrian, Iraqi and Lebanese children. The Italian Army, framed in a broader context of International Forces within the UN framework and faithful to its humanitarian vocation, provides an important contribution of a logistical nature within the Brothers Project, which FMSI has been implementing in Lebanon since 2018. Equally important is the humanitarian support guaranteed through the Military Ordinate in favour of individuals in a vulnerable condition.



SANT'EGIDIO

The **Community of Sant'Egidio** is a lay movement of Catholic Christian inspiration. Started in 1968, the community has spread to more than 70 countries in different continents, giving life to numerous works to support people in a more vulnerable condition. Always committed to Peace and dialogue between peoples, the Community of Sant'Egidio has been present in Ukraine since the beginning of the war to help the population fleeing and under bombardment by offering food and medical care. In 2022, FMSI launched the global campaign "Marists for Ukraine" to raise funds to support humanitarian aid for the Ukrainian population through the Community of Sant'Egidio.



The **Francesco Realmondo Association**, established in memory of Professor Francesco Realmondo of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, works alongside social workers in Italy and abroad, training them to become guardians of resilience. In Italy, it offers support to persons with international protection. Abroad, it works in countries affected by wars and environmental disasters, in conditions of poverty and chronic vulnerability. In collaboration with FMSI, the Association has offered training in Syria, Lebanon and Haiti so that people can develop resilience skills and transform pain into a new starting point.



PUCPR is among the oldest higher education institutions in Brazil (the first Higher Course in Administration and Finance was created in March 1931 and recognised as a University in 1948) and considered the best private university in the country's southern region by the Ministry of Education (MEC). A private non-profit organisation, it maintains a legal link with its sponsor, the União Brasileira de Educação e Assistência - UBEA, a philanthropic institution that is part of the Marist Network.



The **NGO FUNDAMAR** - promoted by the Marist Brothers of Central America - was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting the sustainable development of children, young girls and families living in the poorest areas of Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador. Besides carrying out development projects, the organisation is a member of important NGO networks in South and Central America for the promotion and defence of children's rights. FMSI has long collaborated with FUNDAMAR for the realisation of projects in the field of education and training - especially for children, girls and young people from ethnic minorities - and for advocacy activities for children's rights in Latin and Central America.



Centre Culturel Champagnat Chad
The 'Champagnat' cultural and social centre offers young people living in a situation of economic and social vulnerability, opportunities to meet and train in a highly educational context, in which they can engage in sports, recreational and cultural activities and vocational training courses.



Centro Educativo Marista Nuestra Señora del Pilar is an educational institution run by the Marist Family in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and is aimed at children, girls and young people in economically and socially vulnerable situations.



St. Paul's Mulungushi Primary School of the Marist Brothers, established in the rural Kapiri Mposhi District in Zambia, offers primary education to 465 pupils (221 boys and 244 girls) from families of labourers living in economic hardship.



Instituto Tecnico Vocacional Jesus Obrero in Ateos in El Salvador is a centre that offers vocational training courses to help young people enter the labour market and not fall victim to criminal gangs.



Coeur Sans Frontières (CSF) is a fraternity of Marist laymen, created in June 2007 in Goma, which works closely with the Marist Brothers congregation in the Democratic Republic of Congo to protect the rights of children and ensure their access to education and vocational training. CSF works in synergy with traditional and religious leaders, local authorities, community child protection networks (RECOPE), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Stabilisation Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO).



Marist Preparatory and Junior High school (Sabin Akrofrom - Ghana) was founded in 1998 by the Marist Brothers of Ghana to provide quality education to the poor population of Sabin - Akrofrom and its surroundings. This peri-urban area in the Ashanti Region lacked school facilities in the face of a growing youth population, and families in difficult economic circumstances in Sabin Akrofrom did not have the means to send their children to schools in the city. Many children were thus left without access to a school. Since its foundation, the Marist School has continued to offer a qualified education and is currently the main school in the Atwima Kwanwoma district and among the top five schools in Ghana in terms of the academic performance of its students - 1,751 pupils (boys and girls) from kindergarten through primary to secondary school - a healthy environment, education in the values of solidarity, family and mutual respect.



Chantiik Taj Tajinkutik A.C. is a Mexican Association that promotes better living conditions and is committed to guaranteeing the rights of children and adolescents working on the streets of San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas. The Association carries out many activities to meet the different needs of children and adolescents, such as: shelter in a protected place, school support, psychological support, vocational training, training on rights. All the above-mentioned activities are implemented with the aim of developing the potential of minors and supporting them in their integration into society. FMSI has supported the activities of the Association for many years.

Staff involved

Kenneth Charles McDonald – President
Ángel Diego García Otaola - Advocacy and Child Rights Coordinator
Francis Yufenyuy Lukong - Advocacy and Child Rights Officer
Andrea Rossi – General Director
Marcello Romagnoli - Finance & Office Administrator
Angela Petenzi - Project Administration Officer
Francesco Mastrosera - Project Administration Officer
Maria Rita Pala - Project Administration Officer
Laura Anna Cecchini - Communication Assistant
Pamela Difino* - Project Assistant

*New staff member from April 2023

Credits

Marcello Romagnoli
Maria Rita Pala
Laura Anna Cecchini
Pamela Difino
Mauricio Rocabado Durán

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