

Helping youth build a better future



Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2024



Salesian Missions
AUSTRALIA

The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund
Salesians of Don Bosco

Don Bosco Salesians are operating in 137 countries which includes many of the world's poorest nations. With a large contingent of about 28,000 committed religious men, women, volunteers and others, through a focus on education and training programs they are endeavouring to help youth and communities build a better future.

Education and Vocational Training

By providing education through schools, youth centres, and training programs in the world's poorest regions, the Salesians empower disadvantaged youth with dignity and self-worth. Their focus on education breaks the cycle of poverty by equipping young people with skills for employment, helping them become self-sufficient and contributing members of their communities and nations.

Emergency Relief

With a global presence in 136 countries, Salesians are well positioned to provide in consultation with the local community and organisations, direct aid and relief in times of natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies. By launching special fundraising Appeals, Salesian Missions can support programs that relieve famine in Africa, rebuild earthquake damaged schools in Nepal and Ecuador, assist flood victims in India, house internally displaced people in South Sudan, provide education, food and supplies in the face of pandemics and so much more.

Agriculture and Self-Sustainability

Don Bosco Agricultural Colleges and Community Programs aim to assist locals to improve sustainable food availability through enhancing traditional farming methods. In most developing countries a high proportion of the population are subsistence farmers. The Agricultural Colleges support local farmers by demonstrating techniques to increase crop productivity, whilst students are taught ways to better care for livestock through practical experience. Obtaining local food security goes a long way in combating poverty and helping youth build a better future for themselves, their families and their nation.



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Our Mission is to support our Partners in providing vocational teaching to underprivileged young people in developing countries, so that they may find employment and become self-sufficient contributing members of their nation.



Cover Photo – Students from Don Bosco Agricultural College Fuiloro, Timor Leste (May 2024)
Our Work – Emergency Response in Ethiopia (Feb 2024)
Above – Don Bosco Technical Centre Alafua, Samoa Welding students (Feb 2024)

From the Director

Dear Friends,

While preparing the annual report I'm reminded of the power of collective compassion. Despite ongoing financial pressures, the generosity of our Australian supporters continues to shine. Your commitment makes a real and lasting impact across the Don Bosco network, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

In 2024, your support helped us continue vital work around the world. Together, we:

- Provided food, shelter, and supplies to refugees and displaced people in Lebanon, Ukraine, and Africa.
- Delivered vocational education across the Pacific and Asia, empowering young people with practical skills and brighter futures.
- Supported youth and outreach programs that strengthen and uplift entire communities.

It's only through listening and working closely with our Salesian partners that we ensure programs meet the real needs of those we serve. In Mongolia, support for the Children's Caring Centre has grown, providing tailored learning for vulnerable youth aged 4 to 17 in a safe, nurturing environment. In India, we continue to support transformative projects that

protect street children, support women, and offer counselling and education to those in crisis.

Our Don Bosco Schools in Samoa have made significant strides. In Alafua, students from our Hospitality Program proudly served at the 2024 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, an international platform that showcased their skills and confidence. We are especially grateful to the O'Brien Foundation Australia and St John Bosco Parish, Engadine for supporting this initiative. Future plans are to expand training facilities to include a restaurant space for hands-on learning.

As always, your ongoing donations are vital in covering essentials like staff salaries, meals, utility costs, school materials, and emergency relief. This year, we raised \$1,813mill for overseas development an amazing result in the current financial climate.

Young people everywhere deserve a holistic education, one that nurtures knowledge, skills, and the confidence to dream. As St John Bosco once said, *"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education."*

Thank you for standing with us in hope and action.

Kind regards
Tina Newton
Director



Women's sewing classes held in Mumbai, India (June

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

2024 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

We work together with local leaders that are passionate and agents of change within their communities.

Emergency programs continue in Ukraine, Syrian Earthquake, African internal conflict however our focus continues with the support to schools and education centres. Through the Don Bosco Network (DBN) a common point of contact is established when receiving information regarding emergencies to receive the information required to inform our donors.

Our Salesian partners are involved mostly in continuing projects for youth – work that has been established in response to local needs which include schools that care for marginalised street children and orphans. A major purpose in the Don Bosco Schools is to offer job related skills to youth enabling them to find gainful employment.

Requests for funding frequently involve help with the running costs of schools especially when local Government funding has declined. Assistance is needed to help with salaries, classroom materials, repair and maintenance of buildings.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

Ukraine War – It's been over 830 Days

The 750-person capacity Bunker has been completed; we pray that this will provide a safe place for the local community to retreat.

Currently, there is still a great need to provide relief and assistance to many, especially families and the elderly who have sons and husbands fighting the war. In Mariapolis, 950 displaced people continue to reside in the container village which was constructed over 18 months ago. Funding is needed as Salesians and volunteers distribute supplies and provide one hot meal each day.



The Impact of ongoing conflict in Myanmar

Salesian missionaries in Myanmar are providing housing and nutrition to 350 boys who are boarding in Salesian communities. The boys are mainly from war-afflicted zones where there is very little education and safety. Our partners reported that education and providing for basic needs in Myanmar continues to be a challenge given the ongoing war. More than 3 million people are internally displaced with almost 50% of the population are estimated to be living in poverty. Salesian missionaries are responding to the needs of children, youth and their families who are in crisis.

Syria and the Holy Land

Local Salesians in Syria continue to provide support for those who remain displaced after the Earthquake. Trauma Healing Courses have been extremely successful giving participants the motivation to continue to care for those in need and support the youth during summer camps.

In Bethlehem a Salesian Bakery is making a small but critical contribution. As the economic climate worsens, people struggle to purchase the essentials. The bakery has increased production, stabilized selling prices for the locals and offer free bread to vulnerable families and charitable institutions (i.e. orphanages) each day. Product prices continue to increase along with demand, any assistance is welcomed.



Don Bosco Day Care Centre Mongolia (July 2024)

SALESIAN MISSIONARIES IN MONGOLIA

In 2001, the first Salesian Missionaries arrived in Mongolia with a vision: to provide impoverished youth with access to technical and formal education. This dream took shape with the establishment of a technical high school that began with just 30 students. One of the key figures in this mission has been Br. Andrew Phuong, a missionary from Vietnam who has been in Mongolia since the inception of this important work. We had the pleasure of spending time with him and hearing about the transformative impact of their efforts.

Today, the Don Bosco Centre encompasses a range of vital activities, including:

- Don Bosco Day Care Centre
- Don Bosco Caring Centre
- Don Bosco Youth Development Centre
- Don Bosco Primary and High School
- Don Bosco Technical Centre

This year, we were able to enhance support for the Children's Caring Centre by providing tutoring assistance to students who require additional help. The Centre, following the district governor's order, serves vulnerable youth aged 4 to 17 years. Here, these children can learn and grow in a healthy and safe environment, with activities tailored to their health, education, behavioural development, strengths, and needs. The Centre encourages regular communication with families, fostering socialization and potential reunification.

The Salesians, along with dedicated local staff, continue this crucial work with marginalized youth. In 2025, an Australian volunteer from the 'Cagliari Project' will join for the first time the Salesians in Mongolia. However, with limited local funding, the Don Bosco programs heavily rely on international support.

We invite you to help us continue this important work. Your contributions will directly impact the lives of these children and help us sustain the educational and developmental programs that are so essential for their futures. Thank you for your support!



Don Bosco Technical Centre Alafua, Samoa, Hospitality students attending CHOGM (Oct 2024)

SAMOA – ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

The **Don Bosco Schools in Alafua and Salelologa**, Samoa, are clearly making a significant impact by aligning with the global Don Bosco education network’s vision. By focusing on vocational learning, they’re ensuring that students are not only educated but also equipped with skills that directly increase their employability in high-demand trades. This approach bridges education with practical experience, empowering students to step confidently into the workforce and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

We were extremely pleased that students from our Hospitality Program in Alafua, were invited to serve at the recent Samoa 2024, Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. The opportunity to wait at such a prestigious event is a valuable experience, showcasing the student’s skills and professionalism on an international stage. Programs like these not only prepare students for the workforce but also provide them with real-world experiences that enhance their confidence and employability. Congratulations to the Principal Mane, Course Co-Ordinator / Teacher Norma, program teachers, students and everyone involved! We thank The O’Brien Foundation Australia and St John Bosco Parish, Engadine for making the Hospitality Facility a reality. We hope to expand the facilities in the future to include a dedicated restaurant area to conduct in house training.

“Buy a Seat on the Bus” Campaign

The Don Bosco Technical Centre in Alafua is currently facing significant challenges in safely transporting students to various activities and the central bus terminal, where they access local buses to return home. Our reliance on a pick-up truck becomes particularly problematic during inclement weather, raising concerns about the safety and well-being of our students. Principal Mane Su'a is dedicated to creating a safer, more controlled transportation environment for the students and hope to buy a School Bus. We are also working closely with our Australian teachers who recently participated in an immersion program in Samoa to contribute to this effort.

Further developments, activities and successes in our Samoan schools include:

- **Computer Upgrade:** Through Nora (past Cagliari Project Volunteer), the schools will benefit from access to refurbished laptops through the NAB recycled laptop program. Over the coming years the laptops will supply our two schools with the technology to enhance student learning experiences and assist teachers to further develop class programming. On the rural island of Savaii’ the Don Bosco school in Salelologa have embraced the usage of the laptops and projector, opening new learning opportunities for research, collaboration and creativity.
- **Sewing Room Refurbishment:** as part of the review of the current facilities it was recommended that work be performed to improve the insulation and ventilation of the classroom. This is both to provide a more suitable climate for participants especially in the community evening course and to better maintain the equipment which deteriorates due to the humidity. Thank you, St Josephs, Ferntree Gully, for your ongoing commitment and support.

Timor Leste

Timor Leste – A visit from Pope Francis - Education Strengthens Communities

Timor Leste is one of our closest neighbours located only 690km from Darwin. With their welcoming hospitality and gracious nature the Timorese people embrace challenges and come together to work as one with a strong focus on family, community and religion.

In the wake of the devastating conflict in 1999 that claimed countless lives, decimated entire communities, and created some of the worst living conditions in the world, the Salesian community have provided programs to guide citizens toward development. Efforts are primarily focused on helping poor youth through education and providing new opportunities for the future.

Pope Francis Visit

With around 90 per cent of the population being Roman Catholic, Pope Francis was welcomed in September with open arms. Pope Francis explained that Timor Leste “has known the convulsions and violence that often occur when a people face full independence and its search for autonomy is denied or opposed”, but “it has been able to rise again, finding a path of peace and openness to a new phase”. He went on to say, “you have kept hope firm even in affliction and, thanks to the nature of your people and your faith, you have transformed pain into joy!”.

Today, Timor Leste is a peaceful and democratic country that is committed to building a friendly society, developing peaceful relations and creating opportunities for its people.

Pope Francis invited those present to invest in education, family and school. This theme is at the core of the Salesian Family as in there many Timor Leste schools, vocational learning centres, orphanages and educational training programs throughout the country were Salesians aim to provide young people with the skills to secure employment, support their families and contribute to the development of their communities and country.

The **Don Bosco Educational Centre in Fuloro** is celebrating its 75th anniversary and it remains committed to its large community of 13 parishes and is seen as an educational hub. With more than 75 per cent of the population deriving their livelihood from farming, the Don Bosco Agricultural College plays a crucial role in promoting better care of livestock and increasing crop yields. The school’s aim is to be more self-sustainable by increasing farm production of corn, animal feed, horticultural production, coconut oil production and improved livestock intake. Donations have been directed to the running costs of the school, namely for student fees, scholarships, transportation costs and maintenance.



Don Bosco Agricultural College, Fuloro, Timor Leste (Oct 2024)

The **Salesian Sisters Maria Auxiliadora Medical Clinic** continues to provide essential medical care for the poor in Venilale and 14 surrounding villages. They service more than 5,000 patients each year who were treated for common ailments such as malaria, tuberculosis, asthma and pneumonia. The Clinic’s priority is care for mothers and children. A high proportion of the local population live in poverty and experience food shortages, access to our Clinic is an important alternative to a costly hospital visit. Health education programs and reproduction education is conducted in local schools and villages.



INDIA – Encouraging Youth to Dream

The Salesians of **Don Bosco in Bangalore and Mumbai** are engaged in numerous development projects, ranging from providing shelter for street children to empowering women and youth in rural communities. These initiatives require significant coordination, effort, and funding to make a real and lasting impact on the lives of those they serve.

One of the primary missions of the Salesians is to protect and rescue vulnerable young people from dangerous environments. They are dedicated to defending the rights of street children and creating pathways toward a brighter, more stable future. In shelters and hostels, rescued children receive counselling services from experienced professionals who work closely with each child to understand their unique needs and challenges. This support is crucial in helping these young people heal from past traumas and build resilience.



Education is at the heart of the Salesians' work. Every child is encouraged to attend school, as education is the surest way out of poverty and a pathway to hope. For those in rural areas, Don Bosco Schools and Learning Centres serve as lifelines, providing educational access to youth who otherwise lack the resources to travel to cities. In more remote locations, teachers and tutors organize study sessions in village halls to ensure education reaches even the most isolated communities.

Fr. Francis and Fr. Edwin extend their heartfelt gratitude to all supporters of the Don Bosco missions in India. With your continued generosity, you're making a transformative impact on young lives. They also wish each of you a joyous Christmas season, filled with hope and peace. Thank you for supporting the dreams of India's youth!



Displace People in Tigray, Ethiopia (October 2024)

After two years of a devastating civil war in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region, a peace agreement has brought hope for normalization. Despite this progress, many Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) remain unable to return to their homes, which are still occupied or destroyed, leaving infrastructure in shambles. The toll of the conflict is severe, with more than half a million lives lost in just two years, and the population grappling with the trauma of war and the loss of loved ones.

The Salesians are working alongside local communities to restore fundamental rights for those most affected in Tigray, particularly the right to safe housing, food security, and the rebuilding of income opportunities lost to the conflict. Restoring a sense of normalcy and reestablishing community life are essential steps in the journey toward healing.

Following an extensive assessment and consultation process, the Salesians have outlined a three-fold plan of action:

1. **Housing and Hygiene:** As families return to heavily damaged homes, it is vital they have access to safe, adequate housing and basic hygiene facilities. This foundation is crucial to protect their health, ensure well-being, and support their reintegration into the community.
2. **Food Security and Agriculture:** Promoting food security is essential, providing returning families with improved agricultural and livestock farming techniques to ensure success and sustainability. This initiative will help communities rebuild self-sufficiency and resilience.
3. **Mental Health, Resilience, and Social Cohesion:** To address the deep trauma left by the war, the Salesians are committed to promoting resilience and social cohesion, fostering a culture of peace to help prevent future conflict.

We remain hopeful for the continuation of peace and pray for strength for these communities as they rebuild. Thank you for supporting the Salesians' efforts to restore hope and stability to the people of Tigray.

PRINCIPLES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PROGRAM ACCOUNTABILITY

Salesian Missions Australia has in place stringent standards for accountability and transparency both in its domestic organisation and for overseas partners. We insist that all our Overseas Partners be accountable for the funds they receive from our office. All Partners are required to sign a Partners Agreement which also enforces the need to be aware of our Policies and Guidelines and integrate these compliance documents into their operations. Policies and Guidelines can be found on our website : www.salesianmissionsaus.org.au

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

Salesian Missions Australia is firmly committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. Our Child Safeguarding Policy (CSP) has been implemented locally, with all staff holding a copy and having completed mandatory police checks. Overseas Partners must subscribe to the CSP as a condition of funding, with clear guidelines that the rights of the child are paramount, compliance is mandatory, and local Salesian and Salesian Sister Provincials oversee administration.

The policy has been positively received, and all Partners including those in orphanages, schools, and community centres ensures that their teams are trained and understand their responsibilities. Regular staff training and student sessions promote awareness of rights and empower children to speak out. Through this policy, we ensure a consistent, high standard of child protection across all our programs.

PRIVACY

We are committed to protecting the privacy of donors and correspondents. Any information provided to us remains private and confidential. Our contact list is not rented, sold or exchanged.



GENDER EQUITY

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in employment and accepts that it has a responsibility to create an environment free of discrimination, victimisation, sexual harassment and vilification - in accordance with the articles of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Act (1995) regarding staff appointments and management, and with the Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. Code of Conduct, Sex Discrimination and Harassment policies. The principle of gender equity is also underlined in our Working Agreement with our Overseas Partners which must be adopted prior to engagement.

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to respecting, protecting and promoting internationally recognised human rights for all, regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, indigeneity, disability, age, displacement, caste, gender, gender identity, sexuality, sexual orientation, poverty, class or socio-economic status. To enable people to realise their rights and assist those responsible for upholding such rights as equality, freedom from discrimination and access to education, in line with the Australian Council for International Development Code of Conduct.

ACFID

Salesian Missions Australia is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), an association of non-government organisations in Australia working in the field of international aid and development.



Salesian Missions Australia is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct which specifies standards in organisational integrity, governance, communication with the public, finances, personnel and management practice. Our financial reports comply with the standards set by the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information, the ACFID Code can be found at www.acfid.asn.au

Salesian Missions Australia undergoes Self-Assessment process every three years to measure our ability to comply with ACFID's Code of Conduct principles and procedures. We remain Compliant to the Code and have also developed a number of Policies and Guidelines to guide our operations. These documents can be viewed on our website www.salesianmissionsaus.org.au. We are committed to full adherence of the ACFID Code of Conduct.

COMPLAINTS

We welcome complaints to improve the way we work and help us to achieve better outcomes in the communities in which we work. In accordance with ACFID's Code of Conduct, ASMOAF has a Complaints Policy.

Donors, Partners or any beneficiary of Salesian Missions Australia projects who wish to complain about any aspect of our management and procedures, may lodge the complaint in writing and forward it to:

The Chairman
ASMOAF Governing Board
Salesian Province Centre
P O Box 264
ASCOT VALE Vic 3032

Our Complaints Policy is on our website. Complaints concerning Code of Conduct breaches should be directed to:

The Chairman
ACFID Code of Conduct
Locked Bag 3
DEAKIN ACT 2600

Our Board

Our Board in 2024 meet monthly, serving in a voluntary capacity. They are:



**Fr Peter Hoang, B Theol (MCD),
B Ed (ACU) M RE (ACU)
Chairman**

Fr Peter Hoang, Vice Provincial and Deputy Chair, Delegate for Social Communications, Rector and Chaplain at Salesian College Sunbury. Previously, Rector of Salesian Community and Chaplain

at St. John Bosco College and Dunlea Centre Engadine. Former REC of Dominic College Glenorchy.



**Fr Phillip Gleeson, D Theol (MCD), M
Ed (ACU) B Letters (Monash)**

Fr Phillip Gleeson is Rector of Brunswick and former Rector and Dean of Studies of Don Bosco House, Clifton Hill, Vic and International Centre of Salesian Studies. He is a

former Principal of Dominic College, Glenorchy, Tas. He has visited ASMOAF sponsored projects in Fiji and Samoa.



**Fr Peter Carroll, B.A. B Theol
(MCD), Dip Ed (ACU)**

Fr Peter Carroll is Provincial Economer (Executive Officer of the Salesian Society in Australia) and is currently Rector of the Salesian Province Centre Ascot Vale, Vic. Currently the Spiritual Relations

Manager for Salesian Missions. Member of the pioneer Salesian Community in Samoa; he has made regular visits to ASMOAF sponsored projects in Samoa and Fiji.



**Fr Brian Ahern
Dip T (Prim) ACU, B Ed ACU,
B Theol & MTh (MCD)**

Fr Brian is the Youth Ministry Delegate and Vocations Animator for the Australian Salesian Province. Burser

Salesian Community Sunbury. Former chaplain, teacher and REC of Dominic College Glenorchy and Xavier College Gawler.



**Fr Anthony Dung B Theol
(DBCS)**

Fr Anthony Dung, currently Delegate for Formation for the Australian / Pacific Province, Vice Rector at Clifton Hill and Lecturer at CTC. Formerly Formation Professor at Don Bosco Philippines Northern Province from 2009.



**Fr Mosese Tui – B Theol
(MCD)**

Fr Mosese Tui is Provincial Councillor, Delegate for the Pacific and Acting Rector Salesian Community and Parish Priest at Massey, New Zealand. He is a former Principal of Don Bosco High School and

Vocational College, Salelologa, Samoa. He was appointed Archbishop of Apia – Samoa in August 2024.

Our Team



**Tina Newton
Director**



**Olga Elliott
Office Manager**



**Wendy Giaccotto
Administration**



**Lauren Hichaaba,
Pacific Development**

Financial Snapshot

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Fund during the year were:

- the provision of financial assistance for ongoing projects in developing countries for the benefit of the underprivileged, especially the young; and
- the provision of aid directly to people in need of relief.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Salesian Missions Australia is owned and operated by Salesian Society (Vic) Inc. It attracts support from donors all over Australia. Total revenue raised in 2024 for overseas development work was \$1,813,822, a decrease of \$474 on donations received in the previous year.

Total expenditure was \$1,685,905 which consisted of transfers to overseas partners and various administrative costs. There is \$980,007 available for distribution in 2025. The operating result for the year ended December 31, 2024 increased by \$127,917 due to a reduction in the amount of funds disbursed to our partners.

Funds are raised by requests via -

- The Salesian Missions Newsletter and Direct Mailouts.
- Social Media Posts and Articles
- Project specific fundraisers organised by supporters.
- Fundraising activities by schools and parishes.
- Articles in the *Salesian Bulletin*.

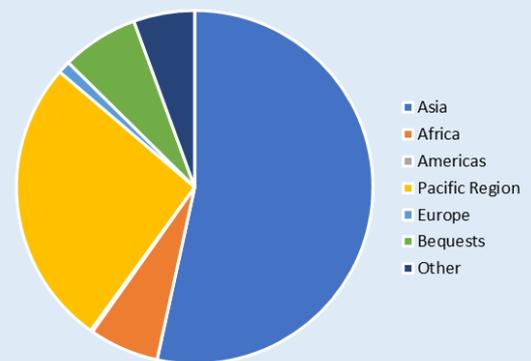
DONORS WISHES

Salesian Missions Australia is committed to respecting donor intent and ensuring responsible stewardship of all funds. Over 90% of donations are directed to destinations specified by donors, mainly supporting poverty reduction through education, vocational training, and technical support in developing communities.

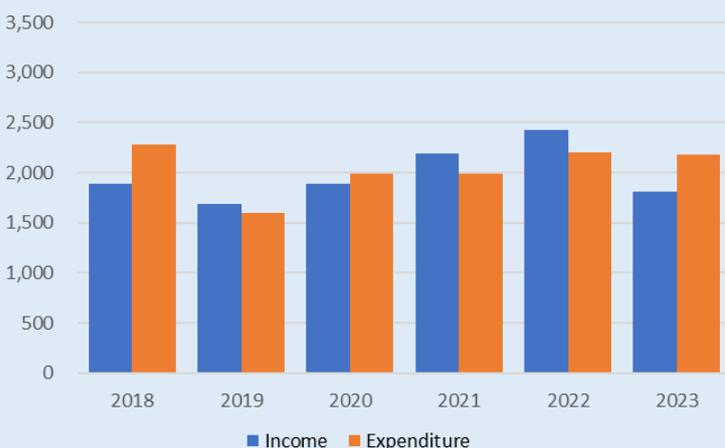
Some donors contribute to non-development activities, such as religious purposes including clergy education and church construction. To manage all contributions transparently, Salesian Missions has formalised its long-standing practices with clear guidelines: All donations are receipted, humanitarian and development donations are tax deductible, religious-purpose donations are non-tax deductible and clearly separated in financial records, political donations are not accepted and donor forms clearly state the intended purpose.

Every effort is made to minimise administrative costs so that the greatest possible portion of each donation reaches those in need. This commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficiency ensures the impact of every gift is maximised.

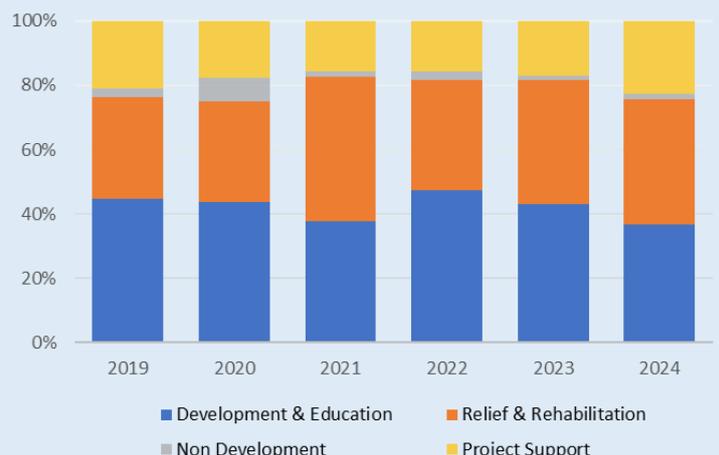
Income by Region %



Income vs Expenditure (000)



Expenditure %



OUR VALUES

As Salesians we draw our inspiration from Catholic Social Teaching.

Human dignity - We recognise the sacredness of life and that every person has inherent dignity and worth. Our human rights and responsibilities are founded in this essential, shared human dignity.

The common good - We have responsibility for one another in our life together, and are called to work for the common good of all. We advocate for a just society in which all people, particularly the vulnerable and marginalised, are able to flourish and meet their needs.

Subsidiarity and Participation - The capacity and capabilities of people and communities ought to be respected, with decisions made at the lowest local level possible. Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in and contribute to decision processes that closely affect them.

Solidarity - Humans are social by nature and depend on one another. We seek to stand in unity with each other, particularly those who are powerless or disadvantaged, and recognise each persons' rights regardless of national, religious, ethnic, economic, political and ideological differences.

Preferential care for the poor - Caring for the poor is the responsibility of all, the needs of the socially disadvantaged and vulnerable are to be prioritised.

Economic justice – Life is not solely meant for profit, but rather in service of the entire human community. All that are capable should be involved in economic activity and should be able to draw from work, the means for providing for themselves and their family.

Stewardship of creation - We care for the earth, recognising that all of creation is inter-connected and we are part of and dependent on the environment. Pope Francis has recently referred to this as integral ecology.

These principles are the basis of our dedication to the preservation and protection of Human Rights for all in accordance to a Human Rights Based Approach: enabling people to realise their rights and assist those responsible for upholding such rights as equality, freedom from discrimination and access to education.



Say NO to Drugs education Program, Bangalore, India (Jun 2023)

Develop an ongoing understanding and connection with partners to better understand and evaluate needs and challenges. Build upon the connection to Australian local schools to explore a global Salesian Family.

Encourage the renewal of our policies and procedures to ensure a greater commitment to change and equality.

Empower young people and minority groups by supporting our partners to deliver a quality and inclusive education system that ensures opportunities are targeted to those in need.

Plan, Monitor and Evaluate projects to deepen our understanding in the delivery of successful, positive and sustainable outcomes. Strengthen the ability for feedback to our partners to deepen a mutual beneficial relationship and connection which delivers positive outcomes for all.

Strengthen our relationship and connection with our schools and supporters, be present in the understanding of needs and use new ways to feedback project outcomes and success stories to improve engagement.

Explore new initiatives and technology to secure ongoing support for our work and invest in staff, systems, technology and training to improve effectiveness and success.

Learn from past experiences and listen to our partners and stakeholders to deliver stronger sustainable outcomes.

Our Financial Statements

Our Commitment to donors is to ensure every effort is made to maximise the value of their contribution. More than 90% of donations received by Salesian Missions Australia are earmarked for destinations specified by donors. Donors wishes are respected whilst making sure administration costs are kept low.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

		2024	2023
		\$	\$
Notes	Revenue		
1	Donations and Gifts		
	-Monetary	1,595,562	1,735,467
2	Bequests and Legacies	126,780	23,285
		<u>1,722,342</u>	<u>1,758,752</u>
3	Other Income	34,390	0
4	Investment Income	36,092	23,639
5	Revenue for International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs	20,998	31,905
	Total Revenue	<u>1,813,822</u>	<u>1,814,296</u>
	Expenditure		
	International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
6	International Programs		
	- Funds to overseas projects	1,263,521	1,784,618
7	- Program support costs	70,067	72,676
8	Community Education	49,735	49,958
9	Fund raising costs		
	- Public	104,277	119,426
10	Accountability and Administration	171,881	127,526
	Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	<u>1,659,481</u>	<u>2,154,204</u>
	International, Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs Expenditure	26,424	24,624
11			
12	Domestic Program Expenditure	0	0
	Total Expenditure	<u>1,685,905</u>	<u>2,178,828</u>
	Excess/(Shortfall) of revenue over expenditure	127,917	(364,532)
13	Provision for Long Service Leave	0	0
		<u>127,917</u>	<u>(364,532)</u>
	Extraordinary Items		
	Funds available for future use at the beginning of the financial year	<u>852,090</u>	<u>1,216,622</u>
14	Funds available at the end of the financial year for future use	<u>980,007</u>	<u>852,090</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,129,997	899,507
Trade and other receivables	32	6,468
Total Current Assets	1,130,029	905,975
Non Current Assets		
Trade and Other Receivables	0	0
Other financial assets	0	0
Total Non Current Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	1,130,029	905,975
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	8,628	1,540
15 Deferred Income	141,394	52,345
Total Current Liabilities	150,022	53,885
Total Non Current Liabilities	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	150,022	53,885
NET ASSETS	980,007	852,090
EQUITY		
16 Reserves	852,090	1,216,622
Retained Earnings	127,917	(364,532)
TOTAL EQUITY	980,007	852,090

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2024

	Retained Earnings	Reserves	Other	Total
Balance at January 1, 2024	852,090	0	0	852,090
Adjustments to equity	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	127,917	0	0	127,917
Other amounts transferred from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Balance at December 31, 2024	980,007	0	0	980,007

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC 31, 2024

Bank Balance January 1, 2024	852,090
Debtors	0
Income for the year ended December 31, 2024	1,813,822
	2,665,912
Expenditure for the year ended December 31, 2024	1,685,905
Bank Balance December 31, 2024	980,007

**TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Cash available beginning of financial year	Cash raised during financial year	Cash disbursed during financial year	Cash available at end of financial year
Asia				
India	165,308	388,447	437,970	115,786
Timor Leste	148,500	362,327	343,236	167,590
Vietnam	30,902	179,558	145,212	65,247
Nepal	2,203	2,335	3,677	861
Philippines	9,339	10,790	19,879	250
Pakistan	1,002	2,590	3,026	566
Myanmar	94	1,550	449	1,195
Sri Lanka	1,828	1,170	2,639	359
Cambodia	2,510	5,753	4,770	3,493
Hong Kong	99	0	0	99
Mongolia	4,834	13,920	12,737	6,017
Africa				
Ethiopia	12,684	39,301	31,927	20,058
Congo	6,928	15,280	12,024	10,184
South Sudan	9,130	43,129	16,552	35,707
Swaziland	0	0	0	0
Kenya	2,255	1,445	1,431	2,269
Central America				
Guatemala	1,439	1,400	406	2,433
South America				
Ecuador	2,293	2,150	3,170	1,273
Pacific				
Samoa	91,164	457,482	368,246	180,400
Papua New Guinea	175	6,100	1,769	4,506
Solomon Islands	3,106	14,712	17,492	326
Fiji	12,890	450	10,406	2,934
North of the Sahara				
Egypt	2,321	1,451	421	3,351
Emergency Fund	21,366	35,898	16,919	40,345
General Account	171,864	61,045	123,164	109,745
Bequests	137,866	126,780	93,213	171,433
Cagliari	(9)	2,667	1,499	1,159
Interest	10,001	36,092	13,671	32,422
	852,090	1,813,822	1,685,905	980,007

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR END DEC 31, 2024

1 Donations - \$1,595,562

Funds were used for projects in Asia, Africa, Central & South America and the Pacific. \$60,445 was in the form of general donations for Development, Relief and Education..

2 Bequests and Legacies

\$126,780 was received in Bequests for Development and Non Development Purposes.

3 Grants

\$36,092 was received for Climate Improvements for the Don Bosco Schools in Samoa, no Government or other grants were received by Salesian Missions Australia during 2024.

4 Investment Income

\$36,092 was received by Salesian Missions Australia during the year as interest on funds held and invested.

5 Revenue for International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs

\$20,998 was received for religious purposes - specifically for the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.

6 International Programs

\$1,263,521 was allocated for development projects in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Pacific.

7 Program Support Costs - \$70,067 was spent on costs associated with the monitoring of projects

Salaries	69,590
Travel	477
	70,067

8 Community Education - \$49,735

Salaries	25,970
Salesian Bulletin	12,644
Travel	477
Stationery	144
Newsletter	10,500
	49,735

9 Fund raising costs - \$104,277 All advertising in 2024 was public. The money was spent on fundraising material and advertisements aimed at securing support for development projects abroad.

Salaries	77,909
Computer / Internet	4,166
Salesian Bulletin	2,529
Newsletter Advertising	11,152
Printing	432
Postage	2,059
Bank Charges	6,030
	104,277

10 Accountability & Administration- \$171,881

Costs were incurred for:

Salaries	95,559
Bank charges	401
Rent	25,700
Utilities	2,460
Bulletin Advertising	10,115
Printing	864
Postage	515
ACFID Subscription	10,235
Audit	7,940
Telephone	250
Stationery & Subscriptions	3,321
Computer, Internet	14,407
Professional Development	114
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	171,881
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11 Expenditure on International Political or Religious Adherence Promotion Programs

\$24,424 was transferred for non-development purposes, the education and training of clergy and the building of churches.

12 Domestic Program Expenditure

Salesian Missions Australia did not fund any domestic projects in 2024.

13 Long Service Leave

Nil.

14 Funds available for future use

\$980,007 is available for allocation during 2025.

15 Deferred Income

An amount of \$141,394 relating to the Administration/Management Fee income has been deferred to ensure overheads are covered in subsequent years.

16 Reserves

Other than the funds available for future use, no other reserves were created in 2024.

Auditor

Mr Jamie Ryan CTA FCA, from V J Ryan & Co Services Pty Limited of Level 5, 255 George Street, Sydney 2000, has been appointed as auditor of the Australian Salesian Missions Overseas Aid Fund for the year ending December 31, 2025.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE RESPONSIBLE PERSONS OF
THE AUSTRALIAN SALESIAN MISSION OVERSEAS AID FUND
ABN 43 206 946 086**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of The Australian Salesian Mission Overseas Aid Fund ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprises the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes, notes to the financial statements and the Declaration by the directors of the Trustee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Trust:

- gives a true and fair view of the Trust's financial position as at 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- complies with the format required by Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) guidance and
- complies with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent required by the ACFID guidance and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter- Basis of Accounting

We draw your attention to the fact that the financial statements are special purpose and have been prepared in order to satisfy the requirements of the Trust Deed and requirements of the Australian Council for International Development (as a member of an Incorporated Association). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter

Responsibilities of the Trustee for the Financial Report

The Trustee is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and has determined that the basis of preparation of the financial statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACFID code and the requirements of the Trustee. The Trustee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Trustee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Trustee is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustee either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF
THE AUSTRALIAN SALESIAN MISSION OVERSEAS AID FUND
ABN 43 206 946 086**

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Responsible Persons regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

V J RYAN & CO
Chartered Accountants



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Dated at Sydney: 20 June 2025

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