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Annual Report 2011







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I. Introduction



Dear friend of SOFIA,

We are excited to present our fourth solidarity report. This is an occasion to stress the accomplishments and impact of SOFIA and our supporters from Sub-Saharan Africa to India and the Philippines and over to Mexico and Venezuela. Yet it also shows that solidarity is not waning in our world. We are most happy that so many people, institutions and foundations have a heart for the needy and want to assist them through us in whatever way possible.

2011 was a good year for us; we keep going *crescendo* in terms of quantity and quality. In collaboration with our partners in the south of the world, SOFIA managed to develop over 25 new proposals for projects in the fields of education, health care, green energy, and pastoral work. Moreover, despite dark economic clouds we obtained most of the funding needed for their execution – nearly one million euro.

Behind projects stand concrete people: every project is a two-way relationship between the donor (individuals, foundations, organisations) and the beneficiaries (usually a large group of children and/or adults). It is SOFIA's task to bring these two parties together, helping to weave a world wide web of solidarity. In this way, we create a win-win situation. While donors manage to make a tangible contribution to people in need and receive recognition, gratitude, and possibly learn from the experiences of people in developing countries, the beneficiaries offer their thankfulness and growing competencies to contribute to a better world. And both parties can offer their prayer, which is a powerful tool to connect people worldwide into the one body of the Church.

It is our pleasure to take this occasion to thank all of our supporters, volunteers, and beneficiaries. It is our deepest wish to continue making this world a better place in partnership with you.

Fr. Piet Cuijpers, SDS
President

Arnout Mertens, PhD
Director

Silvana Leone
Project Coordinator

II. Achievements

In 2011 SOFIA underwent an important formal change. We became an independent non-profit organisation according to Italian law called Fondazione SOFIA Onlus (with ONLUS standing for Organizzazione Non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale). This allows us to develop communication and fundraising activities in Italy, gives our donors tax deduction possibilities for their contributions, and facilitates partnerships with other organisations.

Thanks to the growing quality and quantity of our work, the team of SOFIA is expanding. By the end of the year we were two fulltime employees and one trainee, to develop, coordinate and obtain funding for the projects. Today (spring 2012) we have one more trainee and will grow even more.

The expenses SOFIA needed to get our work done – 133,169 € for project coordination and promotion – were covered by the Salvatorian religious community and a few private donors (see Chapter V).

In terms of grants, SOFIA received 945,793 € for 25 social and pastoral projects. The funds went entirely to the developing countries.

As Chapter IV makes clear, thanks to the funding we could assist more than 135,000 people. Over 8,370 students are engaged now in formal and non-formal education; over 80,000 persons have access to basic health care; 45,000 people will have access to energy for the first time; and over 470 catechists, priests and novices are getting ready to help their parishioners to grow as a community.

Chapter III provides details about the destination and origin of the grants awarded for our work as well as information about the type of projects. More than half of the funding (58%) went to activities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Other important beneficiaries were India (12%), the Philippines (9%), Mexico (9%), and Venezuela (6%). The countries with the highest number of projects were the D.R. Congo (7), India (6), and the Philippines (4). While most activities concerned education (39%) and green energy (31%), three quarter of the projects were construction projects.

Remarkably, the largest donor country (31%) was the D.R. Congo: the provincial government of Lubumbashi/Katanga generously co-finances our electrification project in South Congo. Furthermore, most grants came from German-speaking Europe (27%), Ireland (17%), the Netherlands (11%), the USA (7%) and Mexico (6%).

III. Project Grants Received through SOFIA

i. General Overview

NOT SPECIFIC TO ONE COUNTRY

MASS INTENTIONS	€	22,320
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CAMEROON

HINA, FORMATION OF CATECHISTS	€	1,860
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HINA, EXTENSION OF THE KINDERGARTEN	€	6,000
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D.R. CONGO

KAPANGA, ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT	€	288,764
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LUBUMBASHI, BEL-AIR, CONSTRUCTION OF KINDERGARTEN	€	33,018
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LUBUMBASHI, BEL-AIR, CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL	€	100,000
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KATANGA PROVINCE, EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH CENTRES	€	76,439
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MUSUMBA, CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL	€	31,000
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MUSUMBA, FURNITURE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	€	6,000
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MWANGA WA TAIFA, CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY FITTINGS	€	10,000
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INDIA

KARUNAPURAM, CONSTRUCTION OF TRAINING CENTRE FOR WOMEN	€	63,000
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LAITKYNSEW, CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL & HALL	€	3,900
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MAWRYNGKNENG, EQUIPMENT FOR HEALTH CENTRE	€	9,000
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RANCHI, FURNITURE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL	€	14,000
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SHILLONG, EXTENSION OF THEOLOGY STUDY HOUSE	€	13,300
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TOKOBARI, CONSTRUCTION OF A MINOR SEMINARY	€	10,000
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KENYA

KAREN, HIV/AIDS INTERVENTIONS	€	30,000
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MEXICO

CAMPECHE, CONSTRUCTION OF YOUTH CENTRE	€	82,147
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MOZAMBIQUE

CHOKWE, FORMATION OF CATECHISTS	€	2,000
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PHILIPPINES

MANILA, ALTERNATIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME IN PAROLA SLUM	€	44,545
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TALON, CAPACITY INCREASE OF PHILOSOPHY STUDY HOUSE	€	7,500
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TALON, GREEN ENERGY & WATER FOR PHILOSOPHY STUDY HOUSE	€	10,000
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TALON, CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPURPOSE HALL FOR PHILOSOPHY STUDY HOUSE	€	19,500
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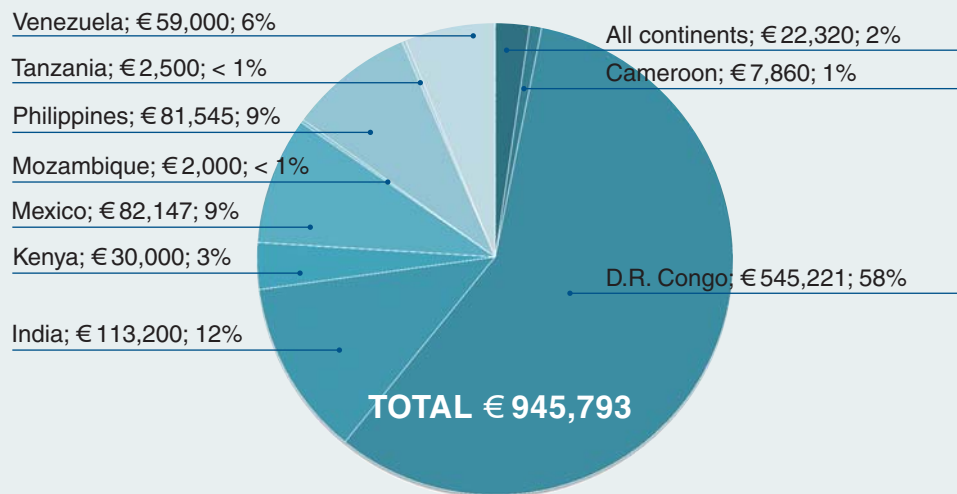
NAKAPANYA, SANITARY FITTINGS FOR KINDERGARTEN	€	2,500
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VENEZUELA

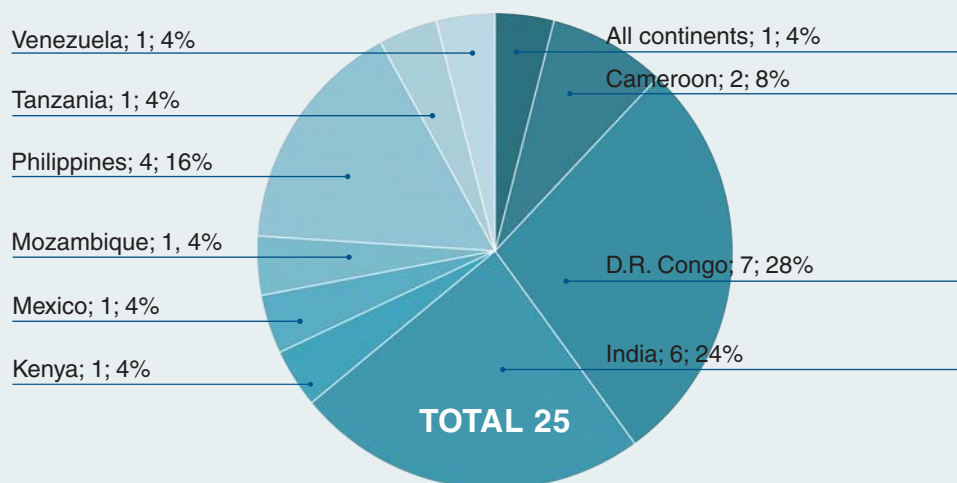
CARACAS, EXTENSION OF LA CONSTANCIA SLUM SCHOOL	€	59,000
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TOTAL	€	945,793
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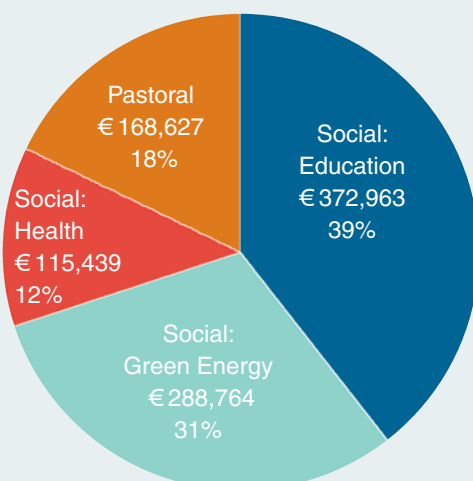
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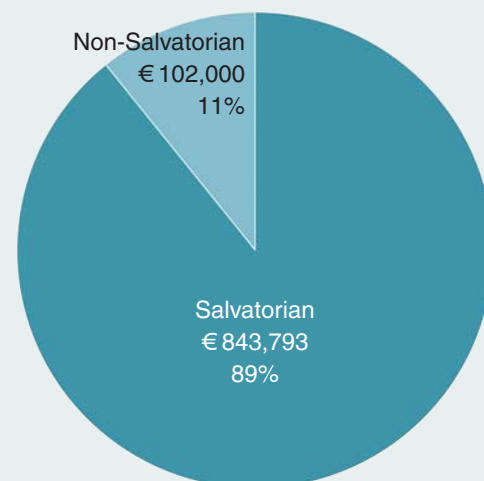
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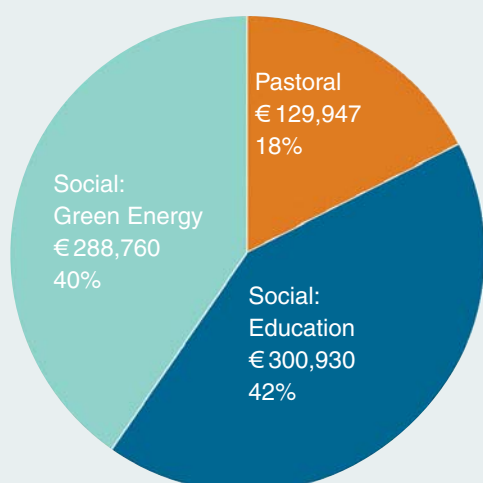
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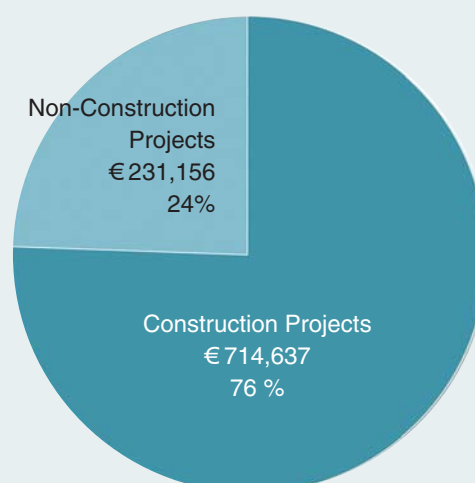
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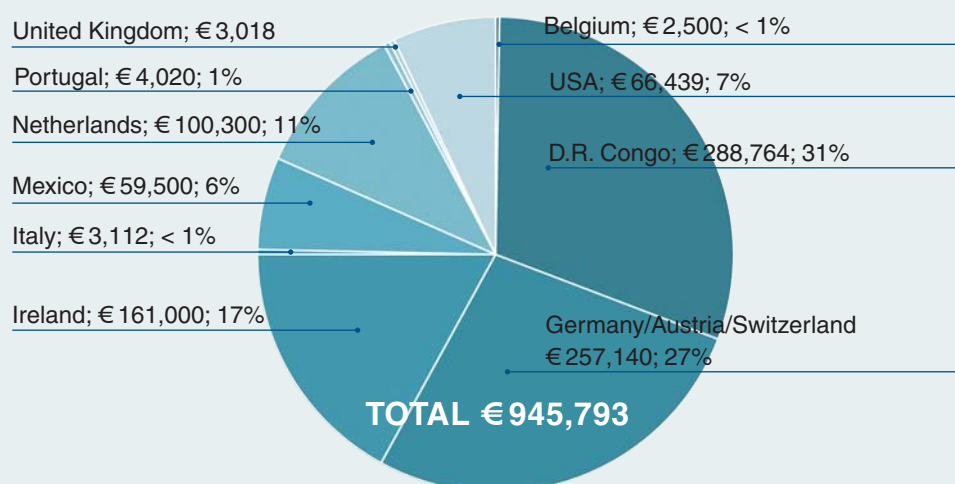
vi. Type of Construction Projects



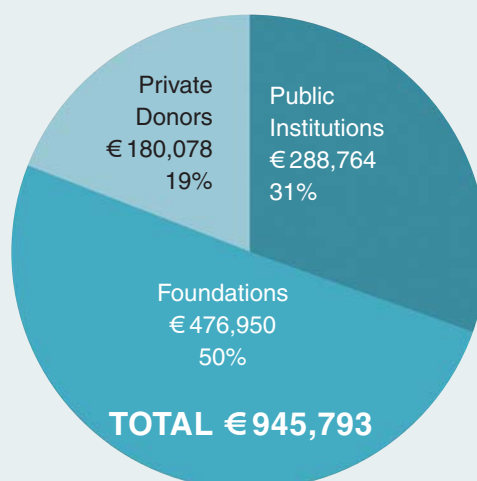
vii. Construction vs Non-Construction



viii. Geographical Origin of Grants



ix. Type of Funding



IV. Short Description of the Projects

i. Social Projects: Education

1) Kindergarten Extension in Hina, North Cameroon

- Location: Cameroon, Hina
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Cameroon
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 80 children age 3-6
- Goal: To offer a solution to the lack of educational facilities in North Cameroon; to raise the level of education; to prepare and encourage families to send their children to kindergarten.
- Activities: Construction of a kindergarten consisting of two classrooms and a small office; awareness campaign and involvement of parents.
- Total cost: 6,631 €
- Granted in 2011: 6,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Foundation



2) Setting up & Furnishing Wokovu Kindergarten in Bel-Air, Lubumbashi, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Lubumbashi
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 240 children between 3-6 years old
- Goal: To partly remedy the lack of educational facilities for a very young population of more than 60,000 people.
- Activities: Construction of 6 classrooms for 240 children between 3-6 years old, office space, play area and bathroom facilities.
- Total cost: 188,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 33,018 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Misesan Cara, Private donors

3) Construction of Primary School Wokovu, Lubumbashi, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Lubumbashi, Bel-Air District
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 360 children
- Goal: To increase the capacity of primary education in the Bel-Air District of Lubumbashi with 360 pupil places, so that more and better-educated children graduate from primary education with more gender equity.
- Activities: Construction of a primary school consisting of three buildings (eight classrooms for 45 children per room, office space for the administration and the teachers, a library and sanitary fittings); equipment of the buildings; selection of staff and election of a management team.
- Total cost: 230,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 100,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Misesan Cara, Private Donors



4) Construction of Primary School *Père Jordan* in Musumba, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Kapanga Territory, Musumba
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 400 children
- Goal: To contribute to Millennium Development Goal 2 (universal primary education) in the interior of the DRC and hence to the elimination of illiteracy there.
- Activities: Construction of 3 buildings containing 9 classrooms, office space and sanitary fittings.
- Total cost: 39,305 €
- Granted in 2011: 31,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Misesan Cara

5) Furniture for the Primary School *Père Jordan* in Musumba, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Kapanga Territory, Musumba
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 400 children
- Goal: To enable all children to enjoy education in an appropriate study environment.
- Activities: Equipment of 9 classrooms with benches made by the students of the carpentry department of the local vocational school.
- Total cost: 9,978 €
- Granted in 2011: 6,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Foundation

6) Sanitary Fittings for Mwanga Wa Taifa School Complex, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Kolwezi
- Sector: Primary & Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 4,500 children age 6-18
- Goal: To create a healthy environment for the education of the children of the Manika District in Kolwezi.
- Activities: Construction of new sanitary fittings.
- Total cost: 25,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 10,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Kindermissionswerk



7) Construction of a School & Community Centre in Laitkynsew, North East India

- Location: India, State of Meghalaya, Laitkynsew
- Sector: Education & Community Building
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: In preparation
- Beneficiaries: 160 students and the local community
- Goal: To promote small-scale rural development in underdeveloped North East India through an investment in infrastructure and programmes for education & community building in the 36 villages of Laitkynsew.
- Activities: Construction & equipment of a two-floor building consisting of four classrooms, two boarding rooms, one room for the administration, one room for the teachers, sanitary fittings, and a community hall.
- Total cost: 200,600 €
- Granted in 2011: 3,900 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Peter & Paul Parish in Tilburg

8) Construction of a Training Centre for Women in Karunapuram, India

- Location: India, State of Kerala, Karunapuram
- Sector: Social
- Project Owner: Fatima Social Service Trust (FSST)
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: Over 6,000 women
- Goal: To empower lower caste women in Central India.
- Activities: Setting up a Social Work Training Centre with a meeting hall for 200 people, office space, staff rooms, a kitchen, a tailoring room, a prayer hall, a library, an audio-visual room and a computer room, as well as a residence for the Sister-Social Workers.
- Total cost: 84,700 €
- Granted in 2011: 63,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Foundation



9) Furniture for the Salvatorian Primary School in Ranchi, India

- Location: India, State of Jharkhand, Ranchi
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 360 children age 4-14
- Goal: To offer high quality education to children from different social, racial and religious backgrounds.
- Activities: Furniture for 9 classrooms (for about 50 pupils each) and offices.
- Total cost: 21,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 14,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Foundation

10) Construction of a Youth Centre in Campeche, Mexico

- Location: Mexico, Campeche
- Sector: Social
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Mexico
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 250 youth
- Goal: To integrate into society youth with difficulties, by providing spiritual and psychological care 24 hours a day.
- Activities: Construction of the youth centre; recruitment of professional staff; realisation of a strategic plan.
- Total cost: 121,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 82,147 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Neue Bildpost, Private Donors

11) ALSA BUHAY: Alternative Learning in the Slums of Manila, Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Manila, Parola Slum
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian East Asia unit
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 586 students and their parents
- Goal: To offer young people a way out of structural poverty through education.
- Activities: Preparation of school dropouts to take the Accreditation and Equivalency Examination (the equivalent of long-term school education); support programme for their parents. More information on www.pusosapuso.org.
- Total cost: 45,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 44,545 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Diocese & Aktion Hoffnung of Augsburg

12) Sanitary Fittings for the Kindergarten in Nakapanya, South Tanzania

- Location: Tanzania, Nakapanya
- Sector: Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Tanzania
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 84 children age 3-6
- Goal: To teach the children of the remote and poor village of Nakapanya in hygienic circumstances.
- Activities: Construction of sanitary fittings.
- Total cost: 7,588 €
- Granted in 2011: 2,500 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Donor

13) Extension of La Constancia School in the Slums of Caracas

- Location: Venezuela, Caracas, Catia Slum
- Sector: Primary and Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Venezuela
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 1,000 students
- Goal: To guarantee primary and secondary education to children living in the slum, offering them a chance for a better future.
- Activities: Installation of a water tank, construction on pillars of a multipurpose hall including sanitary fittings, storage room, office space and sports field; acquisition of seats and sports equipment.
- Total cost: 190,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 59,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Kindermissionswerk, Private Foundation

ii. Social Projects: Health

1) Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions in Kenya

- Location: Kenya, Province of Rift Valley, Kajiado North Constituency
- Sector: Health
- Project Owner: Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries (AJAM)
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: Children, youth and women in the Kajiado North region.
AJAM reaches over 50,000 people directly and 75,000 indirectly.
- Goal: To provide a holistic response to the ever expanding HIV/AIDS and poverty crisis in Kenya.
- Activities: Focus on prevention, care and support as well as cross-cutting issues such as stigma, gender, cultural practices, poverty and inequality, coordination and accountability.
- Total cost: 176,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 30,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Missio München





2) Equipment for Health Centres in the Katanga Province, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province
- Sector: Health
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: The inhabitants of Lubumbashi, Kasombojan, Museny, Mwene Ditu and surrounding settlements.
- Goal: To increase life expectancy and quality of life; to reduce infant and maternal mortality, sexually transmitted infections including HIV and the malaria mortality rate.
- Activities: Equipment of the following centres:
 - (1) Birth clinic *Ferme Randu*;
 - (2) Health centre in Museny;
 - (3) Health centre/birth clinic of the *Soeurs Servantes du Fils de Dieu* in Mwene Ditu;
 - (4) Health centres in Lubumbashi.
- Total cost: 76,439 €
- Granted in 2011: 76,439 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Donor & Mission Outreach

3) Equipment for Health Centre in Mawryngkneng, India

- Location: India, State of Meghalaya, Mawryngkneng
- Sector: Primary Health Care
- Project Owner: Salvatorian Sisters in India
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: About 25,000 inhabitants
- Goal: To guarantee accessible basic health care, in particular for women and children.
- Activities: Furnishing the dispensary with laboratory and medical equipment.
- Total cost: 10,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 9,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Kindermissionswerk



iii. Social Projects: Green Energy

ELKAP – Electrification of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita

- Location: D.R. Congo, Territory of Kapanga
- Sector: Green Energy
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 45,000 people
- Goal: To reduce poverty and hunger through access to renewable energy.
- Activities: Provide the isolated *territoire* of Kapanga with a sure, stable and green local energy supply by building and implementing a small hydro-energy power plant with a capacity of 250 kW and a distribution network.
- Total cost: 1,404,267 €
- Granted in 2011: 288,764 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Government of the Province of Katanga

Main sponsor of ELKAP is the European Commission (Thematic Programme for Environment and sustainable management of natural resources, including energy). More information on www.elkap.org.





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iv. Pastoral Projects

1) Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral & Social Work

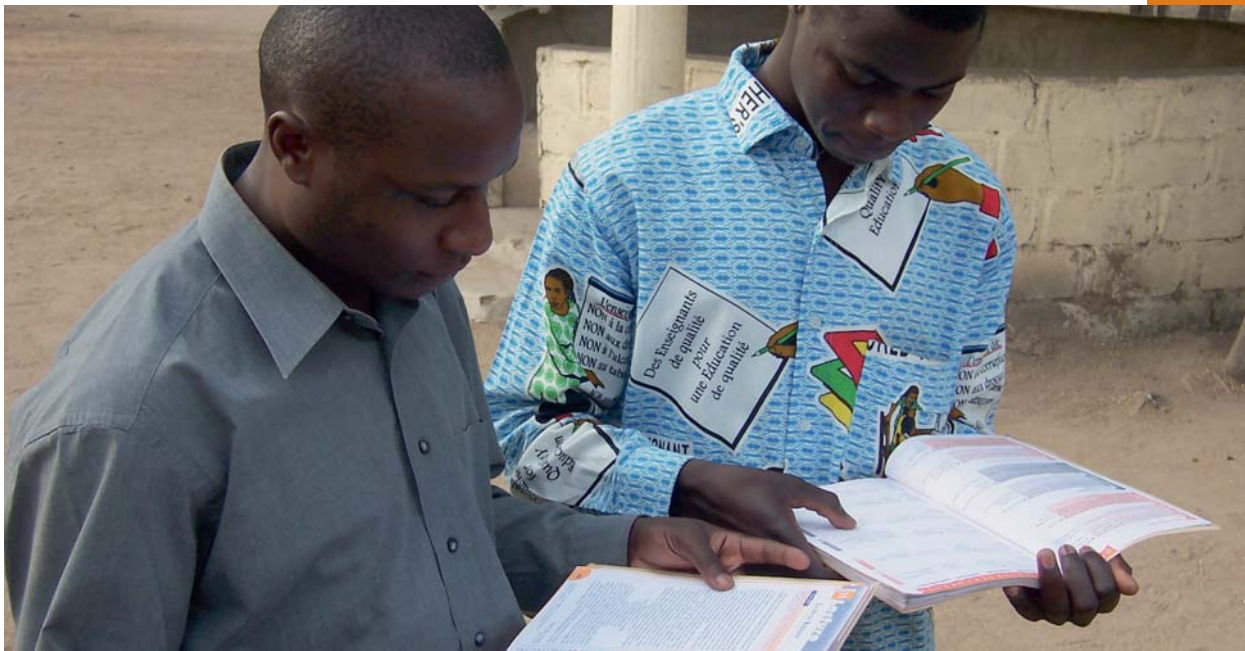
- Location: Africa and Asia
- Sector: Socio-pastoral
- Project Owner: Salvatorian General Council
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 110 priests in Africa and Asia and their local communities
- Goal: To sustain the socio-pastoral work of the Salvatorians in Africa and Asia.
- Activities: Help for the ordinary budget and hence for the socio-pastoral activities in the developing world.
- Total cost: 23,600 €
- Granted in 2011: 22,320 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Dioceses, Sanctuaries, Private Donor

2) Formation of Catechists in Hina, North Cameroon

- Location: Cameroon, Hina
- Sector: Socio-pastoral
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Cameroon
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 60 catechists and the local population (Christians and non-Christians)
- Goal: To improve the Church ministry in the large parish of *Notre Dame de la Présentation*.
- Activities: Training sessions in the following fields:
Sacraments of Christian initiation;
Our Father: its impact on daily life; Introduction to the Bible;
The homilies; Faith, science and witchcraft;
Administration: report writing and reporting.
- Total cost: 1,860 €
- Granted in 2011: 1,860 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Missio Aachen

3) Extension of the Salvatorian Theology Study House in Shillong, India

- Location: India, State of Meghalaya, Shillong
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 20 students and the Salvatorian unit in India
- Goal: To give the increasing number of novices a proper formation in Theology.
- Activities: Expansion of the Theology Study House with an extra floor.
- Total cost: 45,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 13,300 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Archdiocese of München, Private Donors



4) Construction of a Minor Seminary in Tokobari, Northeast India

- Location: India, State of Assam, Tokobari
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: About 40-60 students
- Goal: To create an appropriate study environment for the increasing number of Salvatorian candidates.
- Activities: Construction of a minor seminary in Tokobari (Nagaon).
- Total cost: 54,910 €
- Granted in 2011: 10,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Kindermissionswerk

5) Training of Catechists in Chókwè, Mozambique

- Location: Mozambique, Chókwè
- Sector: Socio-pastoral
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Mozambique
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 70 participants and the local community (2 parishes with 34 chapels and about 160,000 inhabitants)
- Goal: To train catechists on human and Christian values for the promotion of the local Church; to develop among the population a critical consciousness towards social issues such as unemployment, hunger, domestic violence, organ smuggling, trafficking and ecological problems.
- Activities: Training workshops for the laity, centred on catechesis and Justice & Peace.
- Total cost: 2,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 2,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Diocese of Fulda

6) Capacity Increase of the Salvatorian Philosophy Study House in the Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Talon
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian East Asia unit
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: About 50 people
- Goal: To invest in religious human resources for pastoral and social action in East Asia.
- Activities: Transformation of the recreation room into three bedrooms and sanitary fittings.
- Total cost: 14,893 €
- Granted in 2011: 7,500 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Private Donor

7) Multipurpose Hall for the Salvatorian Philosophy Study House in the Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Talon
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian East Asia unit
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: About 50 people
- Goal: To provide an appropriate context for learning to Salvatorian candidates from East Asia.
- Activities: Construction & equipment of a multipurpose hall for indoor sports, celebrations and activities related to the apostolates the students are involved in.
- Total cost: 19,500 €
- Granted in 2011: 19,500 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Archdiocese of Freiburg, Weerter Missiethuisfront

8) Green Energy & Water for the Salvatorian Philosophy Study House in the Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Talon
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian East Asia unit
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 50 people
- Goal: To remedy the inconveniences regarding water supply, waste water treatment and electricity, which arose due to the growing number of residents.
- Activities: Construction of a solar powered tertiary waste water treatment system.
- Total cost: 31,000 €
- Granted in 2011: 10,000 €
- Sponsors in 2011: Archdiocese of München

V. Other Forms of Salvatorian Solidarity

In addition to SOFIA, the Salvatorians are involved in several other solidarity actions. The list below, which maps Salvatorian efforts totalling over 1.6 million €, gives a good impression of additional financial solidarity.

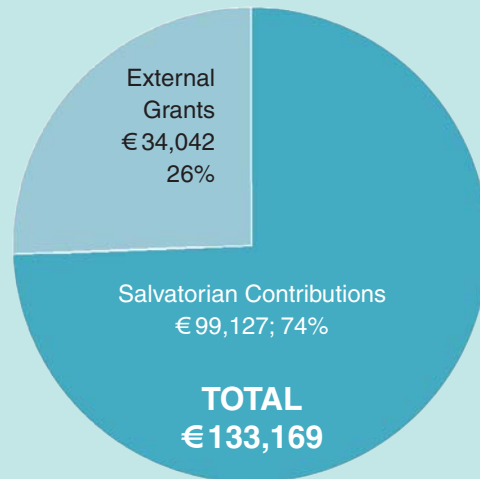
i. Ordinary Budget Support for Developing Units

The Salvatorian units in the D.R. Congo, Tanzania, India and the Philippines receive budget help for their ordinary needs (in 2011 1,544,400 €). Their budgets cover the necessities, costs for initial formation and all basic activities of over 400 Salvatorians living in Cameroon, the D.R. Congo, Tanzania, India, the Philippines and China. The amount represents 82.67 % of the ordinary budgets and comes from four sources: regional Salvatorian development offices, mass intentions, donations from Salvatorian units, and grants from the Society's international funds.

OTHER FORMS OF SALVATORIAN SOLIDARITY		
i. ORDINARY BUDGET SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING UNITS THROUGH THE SALVATORIAN DEVELOPMENT OFFICES		€ 933,000
AUSTRIA	€ 50,000	
BELGIUM	€ 135,000	
GERMANY	€ 210,000	
POLAND	€ 78,000	
SPAIN	€ 200,000	
SWITZERLAND	€ 50,000	
UNITED KINGDOM	€ 20,000	
USA	€ 190,000	
THROUGH MASS INTENTIONS	€ 118,400	€ 118,400
THROUGH SALVATORIAN PROVINCES		€ 250,000
BELGIUM	€ 200,000	
SPAIN	€ 50,000	
THROUGH FUNDS OF THE CONGREGATION		€ 243,000
PROJECT FUND	€ 150,000	
FORMATION FUND	€ 93,000	
TOTAL		€1,544,400

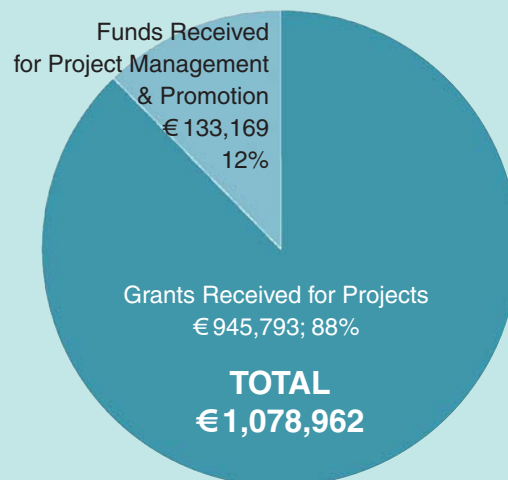
ii. SOFIA Project Management & Promotion

Through the Society's Solidarity Fund, the Salvatorian General Council sponsors a large part (99,000 €) of SOFIA's operating costs for project management, promotion and fundraising. The remaining 34,000 € came from private donors in the form of restricted gifts. Thanks to the fact that 'overhead expenses' are covered separately in this manner, all donations from agencies, dioceses, foundations and private donors for projects go entirely to the projects in the developing countries.



VI. Annual Turnover of SOFIA

In 2011, SOFIA's annual turnover was 1,078,962 €, which is an increase of 23% compared to 2010. In total, 88% of the amount consisted of grants received for projects. Overhead for project management, promotion and fundraising took up only 12% of the turnover, and, as mentioned above, was financed through the Salvatorian Congregation and restricted gifts.



VII. Targets

Ever since SOFIA's start in April 2008, we aim at structurally improving the lives of people in some of the most neglected parts of the world. To enhance the impact of our activities, in 2012 we will elaborate new and innovating projects, keep focusing on the professional development of the work of our project managers and us, and convince more people about the relevance of what we do.

In the educational sector, our main projects will be the construction of a large primary school in Lubumbashi (South East Congo); the expansion of the Salvatorian schools in Nagaon, Dhing and Laitkynsew (North East India) with new classrooms; and the development of Jordan University College, our campus in Morogoro (Central Tanzania), with new academic programmes and teaching facilities.

The elaboration of the project proposals for a mother & child hospital in Namiungo (South Tanzania) and a hospital with focus on sickle cell disease (drepanocytosis: widely spread but highly ignored) in Lubumbashi (D.R. Congo) will be our major activities in the health sector.

ELKAP – our electrification project in Kapanga (South Congo) financed by the European Commission and the government of Katanga – will continue to demand our attention in the field of green energy. To be able to complete the project as planned by the end of 2013, much of our efforts this year will go to getting all equipment to landlocked Kapanga and to constructing the penstock pipe, the power plant and the electricity distribution network.

Regarding pastoral work, our main projects will be the expansion of the Salvatorian philosophy and theology study houses in India and the Philippines. Obviously, a permanent investment in 'religious human resources' is the only way to spread the Good News.

To enhance the cooperation between SOFIA in Rome and the local project managers as well as to bring the execution of our projects to an ever-higher standard, we will develop project management procedures and keep investing in training. Among other things, we will organize a one-week programme on project administration, child protection and Catholic social teaching, as well as a one-week fundraising workshop for religious communities.

Large scale mailing campaigns, an electronic newsletter and the improvement of our websites are among the instruments we will use to diffuse our work. A new, more personal approach includes small fundraising campaigns for private celebrations like weddings, anniversaries and christenings.

To accompany the growing quantity and quality of our operations, SOFIA will expand its staff and split up in different entities in 2012. While SOFIA Global (www.sofiaglobal.org) will be the corporate Rome-based office for project coordination and international fundraising, Fondazione SOFIA Onlus (www.fondazione-sofia.org) will continue to be our national branch in Italy. To organise fundraising in Switzerland, SOFIA Schweiz will be created. This will give us the opportunity to evaluate the opening of other national offices in the coming years.





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