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Cover: Tanzania, Jordan University College: Fr. Agustín and Br. Silvester discuss the construction of the new lecture halls.

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I. Introduction

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we present SOFIA's sixth annual report.

2013 was another great year for us: thanks to the projects we received funding for, we could assist more than 138,000 people. Over 9,000 children and adolescents are engaged now in formal and non-formal education; over 66,000 persons have better access to basic health care; 45,000 people could witness the placement of electricity posts thanks to which they will have access to electricity for the first time; and over 500 Salvatorian students are getting ready to become "Salvatorians in action" and to help the growth of people entrusted to them at different social levels.

This report is a consolidated account of the entire SOFIA Network, which consists of three divisions: SOFIA Global, Fondazione SOFIA Onlus and Stiftung SOFIA Swiss. SOFIA Global (in Rome) deals with the development, coordination and evaluation of projects as well as international funding from grant-making agencies and philanthropists. Fondazione SOFIA Onlus (Rome) and Stiftung SOFIA Swiss (Zug) have been created for the promotional activities and fundraising in their respective countries. In 2014-2015, more divisions will be established to guarantee the best possible work both in Europe and in low-income countries.

SOFIA continues to work in conjunction with the Society of the Divine Saviour (SDS) – generally known as the Salvatorians – an international, religious congregation of priests and brothers in the Catholic Church, founded in Rome in 1881 by Father Francis Jordan. Moved by the goodness and kindness of Christ, Salvatorians proclaim the fullness of life found in Christ and promote the salvation of every human being. This is why they answer the call of the needy and fight injustice and poverty, whether that is in a sub-Saharan village, in an Asian slum or in a Latin-American rural area.

It is the mission of SOFIA to increase the impact and sustainability of the work of the Salvatorians in the fields of health, education, rural development and religious formation. We also like to underscore that SOFIA not only is the acronym of Salvatorian Office for International Aid, but also that in Greek sofia means wisdom. Indeed, it remains one of our goals to stimulate people in the developing world to acquire σοφία– knowledge, and the capacity to make due use of it – so that they themselves can change their situation for the better.

To conclude, this report is an occasion to sincerely thank all people and agencies with whom we are cooperating. Thanks to your help and advice, your know-how, your interest and empathy, and your financial contribution, SOFIA and the Salvatorians are able to make a difference. Let us continue to do so together!

Agustín Van Baelen, SDS
Salvatorian Mission Secretary & Chairman of SOFIA

Arnout Mertens, PhD
Executive Director

II. Achievements

The projects described on the following pages are those we received funding for in 2013. They belong to the four areas in which the Salvatorians and SOFIA continue to develop their expertise: education, health, rural development and religious formation. All these are crucial for full human development and in line with Catholic Social Teaching and the UN Millennium Development Goals, such as the achievement of universal primary education, the improvement of maternal health, the reduction of child mortality, environmental sustainability, as well as the empowerment of rural areas and urban slums.

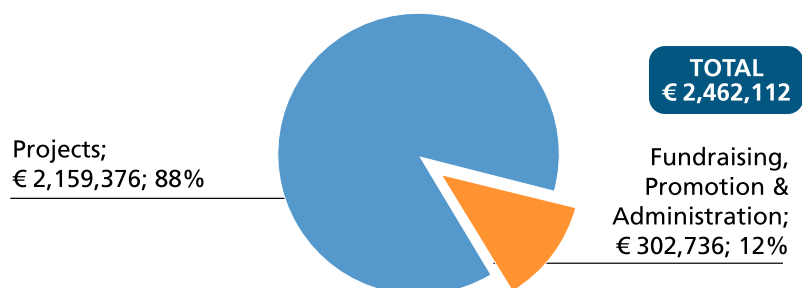
Thanks to our growth on the professional level, we manage to develop and find funding for more projects and to serve an increasing number of people in a better way. In terms of grants, in 2013 SOFIA received 1,921,612 € for the 27 projects presented in this report. These funds went entirely to our work in low-income countries.

Chapter IV provides details about the destination and origin of the grants awarded for our work, as well as information about the types of projects. Three quarters of the funding was for projects in Sub-Saharan Africa: 38.3% D.R. Congo, 27% Tanzania, 5.6% Cameroon and 4.2% Kenya. One fifth of the grants were for activities in Asia (12.3% in India and 6.3% in the Philippines), and 5% went to projects in Latin America (Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico). The country with the highest number of projects was the D.R. Congo (9). As in 2012, most activities concerned education (16 projects out of 27).

The expenses SOFIA received to get its work done – 237,764 € to invest in project support and coordination and 302,736 € for fundraising and promotion – came entirely from the Salvatorian religious community and a few private donors (see Chapter VI).

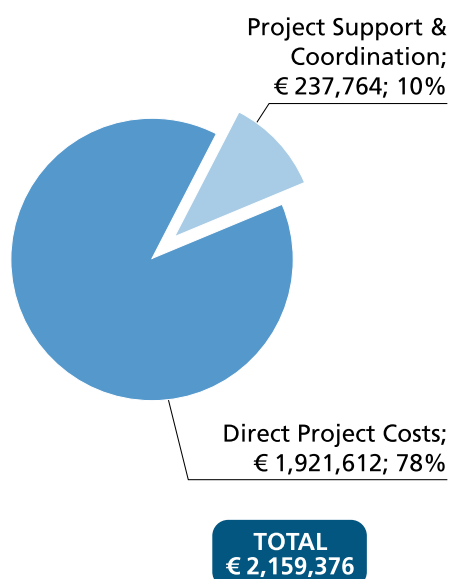
III. Allocation of Funds

i. Overview



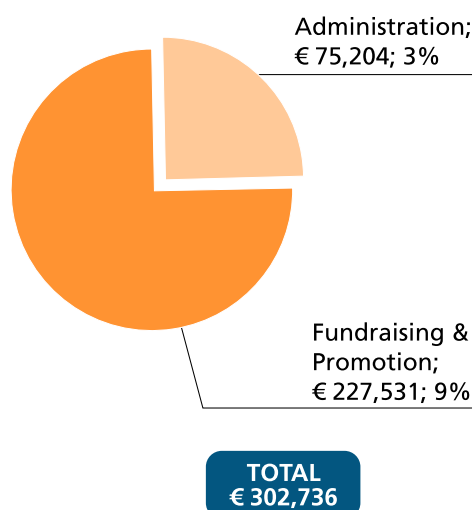
In 2013, SOFIA received 2,462,112 €, which is an increase of 75% compared to 2012. While 88% of the funds (2,159,376 €) were used for projects, only 12% (302,736 €) were allocated to fundraising, promotion and administration.

ii. Projects



Out of the 88% for projects, 78% (1,921,612 €) were grants and donations for direct project costs and went entirely to our projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The remaining 10% (237,764 €) allocated for project support and coordination all came from the Salvatorian Congregation (90,000 €) or restricted gifts and grants designated for this purpose.

iii. Fundraising, Promotion & Administration



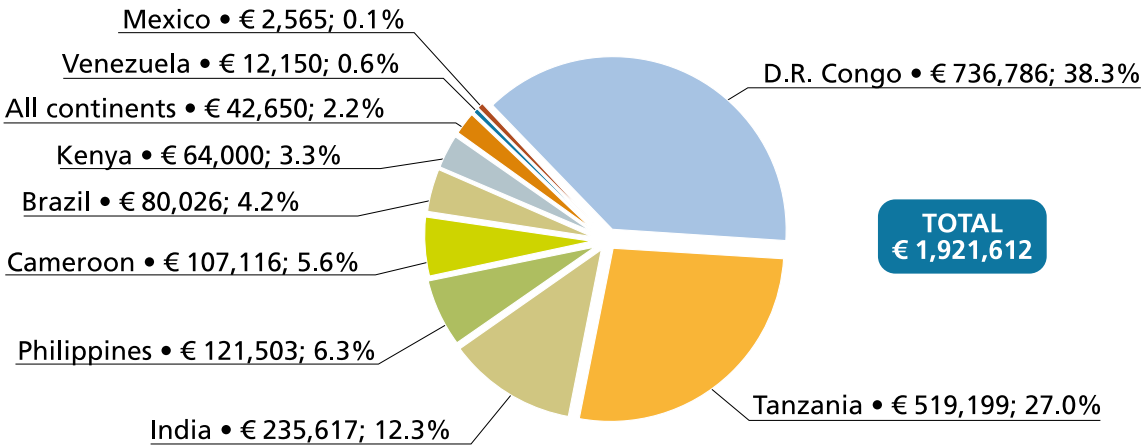
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IV. Project Grants Received

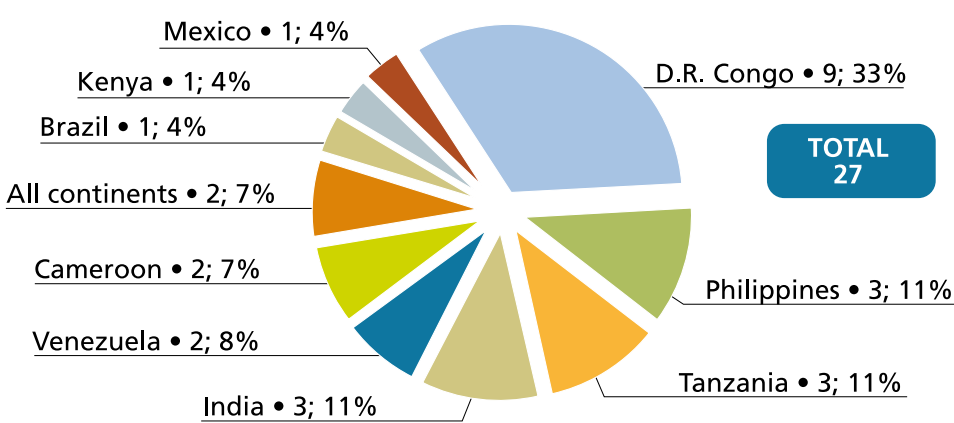
i. List of Projects

Not specific to one country	Amount
Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral & Social Work	€ 42,650
Salvatorian Formation in India and the Philippines	€ 70,000
Brazil	
Maranhão, Coelho Neto, Food Security and Income Generation for Local Farmers	€ 80,026
Cameroon	
Hina, Construction of a Classroom for Cutting & Sewing Courses	€ 7,116
Ndikinimeki, Construction and Equipment of a Salvatorian Pre-Noviciate Study House	€ 100,000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	
Kapanga, Ntita, Childbirth Sponsorships	€ 6,508
Kapanga, ELKAP – Rural Electrification of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita	€ 354,212
Kolwezi-Manika, Enhancement of Primary School Fatima	€ 32,123
Kolwezi-Manika, Scholarship Programme	€ 960
Kolwezi-Musenoie, Construction of a Primary School	€ 19,100
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Construction of Primary School Wokovu - 1 st Phase	€ 121,883
Lubumbashi, Bel-Air, Construction of Primary School Wokovu - 2 nd Phase	€ 100,000
Lubumbashi, Construction of Health Facilities for Sick Cell Anaemia Patients	€ 100,000
Sandoa, Equipment for two Secondary Schools	€ 2,000
India	
Laitkynsew, Construction of a School and Community Centre	€ 171,027
Laitkynsew, Restoration of the Roof of Ss. Peter & Paul Church	€ 28,000
Nagaon, Needs Assessment Regarding the Expansion of Christ Jyoti School	€ 1,590
Kenya	
Kajiado County, Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions	€ 64,000
Mexico	
Campeche, Needs Assessment Regarding the Construction of a School	€ 2,565
Philippines	
Manila, ALSA BUHAY – Alternative Learning in the Slums	€ 72,203
Quezon City, Restoration of the Roof of the Salvatorian Theology Study House	€ 4,300
Talon & New Manila, Libraries for two Salvatorian Study Houses	€ 10,000
Tanzania	
Morogoro, Jordan University College – Construction of Lecture Halls	€ 400,000
Morogoro, Jordan University College – 50 Computers for the IT Laboratory	€ 10,000
Namiungo, Construction of a Mother and Child Hospital	€ 109,199
Venezuela	
Caracas, Catia Slum, Construction of an Office Room at La Constancia School	€ 8,146
Caracas, Catia Slum, Support for Family Homes and Slum Children	€ 4,004
TOTAL	€ 1,921,612

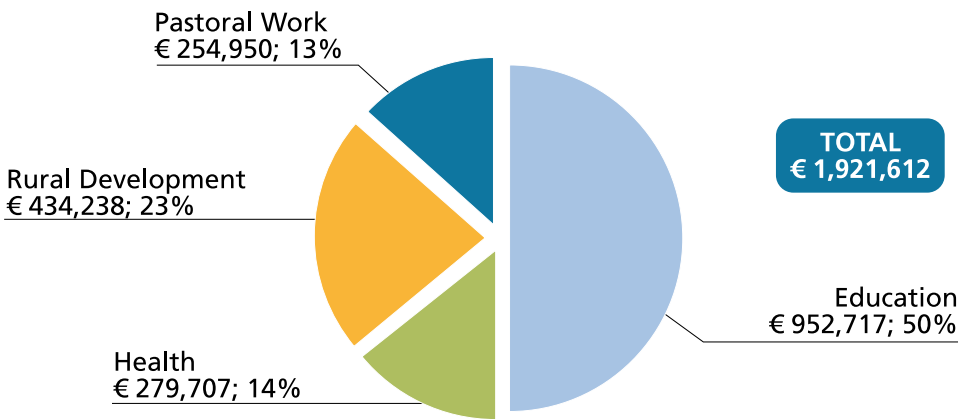
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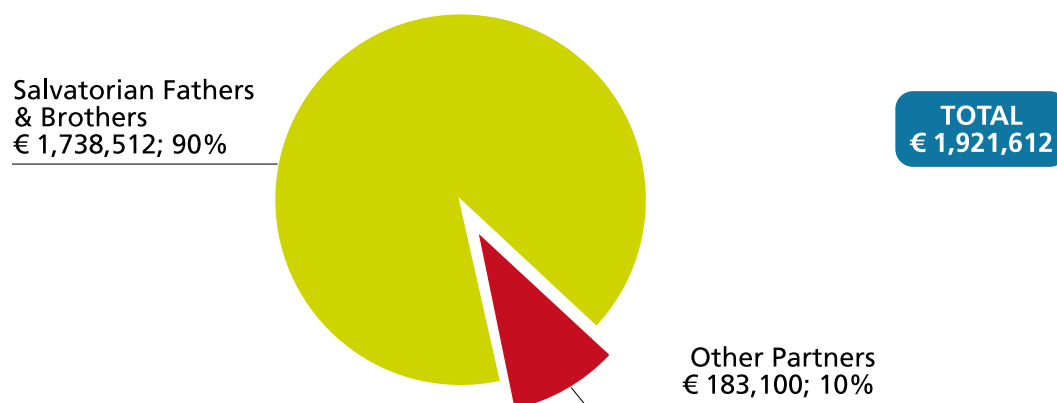
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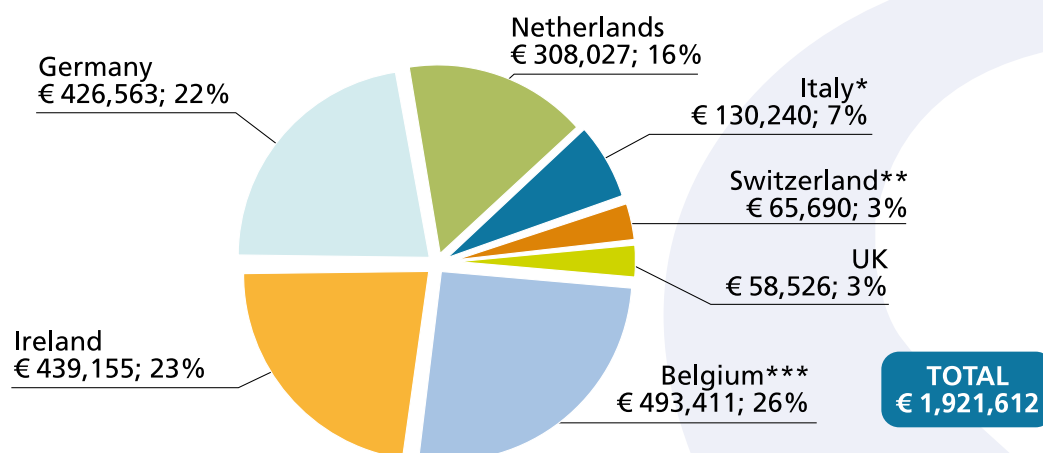
iv. Type of Projects



v. Project Ownership



vi. Geographical Origin of Grants



* Including 96,040 € through Fondazione SOFIA Onlus

** Including 49,574 € through Stiftung SOFIA Swiss

*** Including 354,212 € from the European Commission

vii. Type of Funding



V. Description of the Projects

i. Education

Construction of a Classroom for Cutting and Sewing Courses in Hina, Cameroon

- Location: Cameroon, Far North Region, Department of Mayo-Tsanaga, Hina
- Sector: Vocational Training
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Cameroon
- Status: In preparation
- Beneficiaries: 80 women; up to 1,000 women over the next 25 years; their families
- Goal: To improve the lives of the women of Hina and their families and to reduce poverty by providing them a chance of income-generation; to reduce gender inequality and discrimination; to promote interreligious dialogue and integration thanks to the aggregation of women of different ages and religions (Christians, Muslims, traditional beliefs) attending the courses

D.R. Congo, Lubumbashi: Pre-school children at the Salvatorian Wokovu school.



- **Activities:** Construction of a classroom and a small office room on the parish land; acquisition of five sewing machines, two embroidery machines and two irons to equip the two-year sewing programmes for local women
- **Expected Results:** A functional Sewing Training Centre is in place and used for the regular sewing courses as well as rented out to former participants for tailoring activities; every two years 80 women and girls are graduating as professional tailors and able to find a job or start their own small business; a better socio-economic position for women in the area
- **Total Cost:** 6,995 €
- **Granted in 2013:** 7,116 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** Capuchin Sisters Zug (Switzerland)
- **Time Frame:** 2014

Enhancement of Primary School Fatima in Kolwezi, Congo

- **Location:** D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kolwezi, Manika Parish
- **Sector:** Primary Education
- **Project Owner:** Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- **Status:** Finished
- **Beneficiaries:** 600 additional students (300 girls and 300 boys); up to 3,000 pupils over the following 25 years
- **Goal:** To increase the capacity of Primary School Fatima in Kolwezi, so that more children get primary education and girls have equal access to school
- **Activities:** Construction and equipment of eight additional class rooms, an office for the administration and a library
- **Results:** A well-functioning primary school giving proper education to the children living in the densely populated area (the need to enlarge the school was so high that they were forced to have classes in shifts in the morning and in the afternoon)
- **Total Cost:** 37,000 €
- **Granted in 2013:** 32,123 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** Kindermissionswerk (Germany)
- **Time Frame:** October 2012 – December 2013

Construction of a Primary School in Kolwezi, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kolwezi, Musenoie
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Parish of S. Jean, Kolwezi, Musenoie
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 650 children (340 boys and 310 girls); up to 3,500 children over the following 25 years
- Goal: To increase the capacity of primary education in Musenoie; to ensure that girls have equal access to school
- Activities: Construction of four classrooms and sanitary fittings; awareness raising activities among the villagers about the importance of education, with special attention to gender equality
- Expected Results: A well-functioning primary school with 650 pupils attending; rate of female pupils above local average, contributing to a more equal distribution of opportunities
- Total Cost: 25,000 €
- Granted in 2013: 19,100 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Kindermissionswerk (Germany)
- Time Frame: November 2013 – June 2014

Scholarship Programme for Students in Kolwezi, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kolwezi, Manika Parish
- Sector: Primary and Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: Disadvantaged boys and girls of the Mwanga wa Taifa schools
- Goal: To ensure that the poorest of the poor also have access to primary and secondary education; to give talented but economically disadvantaged students the opportunity to continue their studies
- Activities: Payment of school and annual exam fees; purchase of text books and school uniforms; subsidies for public transport
- Expected Results: 25 students can finish their studies
- Granted in 2013: 960 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Private Donors (Italy)
- Time Frame: Ongoing

Construction of Primary School Wokovu in Lubumbashi, Congo – 1st Phase

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Lubumbashi, Bel-Air District
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 440 children, half of them girls; up to 2,500 pupils over the next 25 years; eight teachers and their families; the local economy; the population of the Bel-Air district
- Goal: To increase the capacity of primary education in the Bel-Air district of Lubumbashi with 440 places, so that more and better-educated children graduate; to ensure that girls have equal access to school
- Activities: Construction of the first part of the primary school consisting of three buildings with eight classrooms for 55 children per room, an office space for the administration and the teachers, a library and sanitary fittings; selection of staff; selection of a management team; awareness raising among the parents with respect to the education of girls; enrolment of 220 boys and 220 girls
- Expected Results: A primary school in the Bel-Air district built and functioning regularly with eight teachers, half of them female, and 440 pupils attending; rata of female pupils (50%) above local average, contributing to a more equal distribution of opportunities
- Total Cost: 140,109 €
- Granted in 2013: 122,883 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Private Donors (Great Britain, Switzerland, Netherlands); Private Foundation (Netherlands)
- Time Frame: July 2012 – November 2013

Construction of Primary School Wokovu in Lubumbashi, Congo – 2nd Phase

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Lubumbashi, Bel-Air District
- Sector: Primary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 440 children, half of them girls, during the first year; up to 2,500 over the following 25 years; eight teachers and their families; local economy; population of the Bel-Air district
- Goal: To double the capacity of the school by 440 places, so that more and better-educated pupils graduate from primary education; to ensure that girls have equal access to school



D.R. Congo, Lubumbashi: Primary school children of the Salvatorian WOKOVU school.

- **Activities:** Construction of two buildings with four classrooms each; acquisition of furniture and equipment; selection of staff; enrolment of 440 children, inauguration of the two buildings at the beginning of the school year in September 2014
- **Expected Results:** New school infrastructure is ready and equipped; 440 additional children can get high quality primary education
- **Total Cost:** 153,010 €
- **Granted in 2013:** 100,000 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** Misean Cara (Ireland)
- **Time Frame:** December 2013 – August 2014

Equipment of Two Secondary Schools in Sandoa, Congo

- **Location:** D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Territory of Sandoa
- **Sector:** Secondary Education
- **Project Owner:** Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- **Status:** In execution
- **Beneficiaries:** 500 students (half boys and half girls); up to 1,500 students over the next 10 years
- **Goal:** To increase the capacity of secondary education in the Territory of Sandoa; to teach children to become good masons and carpenters
- **Activities:** Acquisition of equipment for Institut Faïda (vocational school) and Institut Muungaji (secondary school)
- **Expected Results:** Better trained and skilled students ready for the job market; higher rate of local youth employment; increased income generating activities
- **Total Cost:** 2,000 €



- Granted in 2013: 2,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Stichting Pater Konings Fonds (Netherlands);
Stichting Venezuela Werkgroep (Netherlands)
- Time Frame: June 2013 – May 2014

Construction of a School and Community Centre in Laitkynsew, India

- Location: North East India, State of Meghalaya, Laitkynsew
- Sector: Education and Rural Development
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 160 students, boys and girls; up to 1,000 students over the following 25 years; entire population of Laitkynsew
- Goal: To promote small-scale rural development in North East India through an investment in infrastructure and programmes for education and community building in the 36 villages of Laitkynsew; to empower marginalized ethnic minorities
- Activities: Construction and equipment of a two-floor building consisting of four classrooms, two boarding rooms for boys, one room for the administration, one room for the teachers, sanitary fittings and a community hall; hiring of two English-speaking nursery teachers; awareness raising among parents about the importance of school education
- Expected Results: Nursery classes in English as a starting point for a new primary and secondary school; an operational community centre for inter-ethnic co-operation and skills training; about 1,000 inhabitants of the 36 villages trained in different skills; positive impact of the newly acquired know-how on social-economic development and income, especially of women

- Total Cost: 224,660 €
- Granted in 2013: 171,027 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Miseen Cara (Ireland); Parochie St. Petrus' Banden Leende (Netherlands); Parochie de Goede Herder Tilburg (Netherlands); Progressio Nederland (Netherlands); Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium); Stichting Stalpaert van der Wiele (Netherlands)
- Time Frame: June 2013 – January 2015

Needs Assessment regarding the Expansion of Christ Jyoti School in Nagaon, India

- Location: India, Assam, Nagaon
- Sector: Primary and Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India

D.R. Congo, Katanga Province: Children are standing their ground in a difficult environment.



- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 500 students per year; local minorities' communities
- Goal: To obtain a clear analysis that enables a decision about the right educational facilities for the children, irrespective of caste, creed, colour, gender and religion
- Activities: Needs assessment with a focus on education. A local NGO, already partner of SOFIA in a past project in the Indian state of Meghalaya, has been entrusted with the duty to carry out the analysis; determine the educational needs in Nagaon (Assam) and decide how the Salvatorian Christ Jyoti school there can be improved and expanded
- Expected Results: Professional analysis and assessment of the need to construct a building to accommodate kindergarten pupils and additional educational facilities
- Total Cost: 2,040 €
- Granted in 2013: 1,590 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Mísean Cara (Ireland)
- Time Frame: February 2013 – February 2014

Needs Assessment regarding the Construction of a School in Campeche, Mexico

- Location: Mexico, Campeche State and Diocese, Champotón Municipality, Mendoza Institute
- Sector: Primary and Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Mexico
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: The population of Champotón (76,000 inhabitants)
- Goal: To improve the quality of primary and secondary education in the Diocese of Campeche
- Activities: Needs analysis by a local agency of the socio-economic conditions of the population in the area covered by the Salvatorian mission in Campeche with a special focus on the demand and supply of education services; a feasibility study on the construction of a school in Champotón
- Expected Results: A sound analysis of the gaps in the education system in the area and of the need, the opportunity and the viability of a new school
- Total Cost: 2,565 €
- Granted in 2013: 2,565 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Mísean Cara (Ireland)
- Time Frame: November 2013 – February 2014

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

- Location: Philippines, Manila, Parola and Payatas Slums
- Sector: Primary and Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the Philippines / NGO Puso sa Puso
- Status: Ongoing
- Beneficiaries: About 550 slum children and youths per year; their parents; the urban slum communities of Parola and Payatas
- Goal: To offer young people in two Manila slums a way out of structural poverty through education
- Activities: Organisation and delivery of an Alternative Learning Programme for school dropouts and preparation of those learners for the Accreditation and Equivalency Examination (the equivalent of long-term school education); pre-school care and education for children under six; life skills training for youths; support and training for parents
- Expected Results: Access to qualified job opportunities and a better future for children and minors who are hindered by circumstances to attend regular school; raised awareness among adults about the importance of education; reduced drug abuse and domestic violence thanks to more responsible behaviour by the youths
- Total Cost in 2013: 97,960 €
- Granted in 2013: 72,203 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Aktion Hoffnung of Diocese Augsburg (Germany); Kindermissionswerk (Germany); Missio Munich (Germany); Private Donors (Germany, Italy); Private Foundation (Switzerland)
- Time Frame: 2010 – ongoing

Jordan University College: Construction of Lecture Halls and Expansion of Programmes, Morogoro, Tanzania

- Location: Tanzania, Morogoro
- Sector: Higher Education
- Project Owner: Jordan University College (JUCO) / Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers in Tanzania
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 3,060 university students age 19-25; up to 50,000 students over the following 25 years; Tanzanian society



Philippines, ALSA BUHAY: School dropouts in two Manila slums receive customized education and get prepared for the state examination.

- **Goal:** To provide Tanzanian society with well-formed public school teachers and a nationwide educational and socio-political intelligentsia with leadership skills, knowledge and moral values
- **Activities:** Extension of the number of student sites and programmes; construction and equipment of a three floor building with ten lecture rooms for 3,000 additional students; development and implementation of the new academic programmes in Education, Philosophy, Economics, Business Administration, Law, Psychology and Counseling, Accountancy, Information Studies/Librarianship, Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Computer Sciences and Tourism; recruitment and training of teaching and support staff
- **Expected Results:** Quality infrastructure ready, equipped and used; new and more Masters and BA programmes delivered by high-value teaching staff; enrolment of 3,000 additional students by end of 2014
- **Total Cost:** 850,000 €
- **Granted in 2013:** 400,000 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** Association of German Dioceses (Germany); Private Foundation
- **Time Frame:** October 2013 – 2014

Jordan University College: 50 Computers for the IT Laboratory, Morogoro, Tanzania

- Location: Tanzania, Morogoro
- Sector: Higher Education
- Project Owner: Jordan University College (JUCO) / Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers in Tanzania
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 3,060 university students age 19-25
- Goal: To guarantee the high educational standards of JUCO by equipping the university with modern learning technology; to provide students with the necessary equipment for their studies and dissertations
- Activities: Acquisition and installation of 50 computers
- Expected Results: A fully equipped and technically up-to-date IT laboratory; equal opportunities for those students who cannot afford their own computer; opportunities for more IT-related courses to be offered
- Total Cost: 20,000 €
- Granted in 2013: 10,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Aktion Hoffnung Augsburg (Germany)
- Time Frame: October 2013 – June 2014

Construction of an Office Room at La Constancia School, Catia Slum of Caracas, Venezuela

- Location: Venezuela, Caracas, Catia Slum, La Constancia School
- Sector: Primary and Secondary Education
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Venezuela
- Status: In preparation
- Beneficiaries: All students of La Constancia school – about 1,000 (male 500, female 500); up to 5,000 students over the following 25 years; their parents; the overall community of the Salvatorian Parish area in Catia slum
- Goal: To enhance the infrastructure of La Constancia, which provides education to children coming from a particularly deprived environment, by adding a room specifically dedicated to the Registration, Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the school
- Activities: Construction of an office room; acquisition of furniture and equipment
- Expected Results: A room dedicated to the registration, monitoring and support of the students and the follow-up of alumni
- Total Cost: 20,694 €

- Granted in 2013: 8,146 €
- Sponsors in 2013: City of Zug (Switzerland)
- Time Frame: 2014

Support for Family Homes and Slum Children, Caracas, Venezuela

- Location: Venezuela, Caracas, Catia Slum
- Sector: Education and Social Development
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Venezuela
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 28 neglected children and adolescents accommodated in the Salvatorian Family Homes in the Catia slum; the poorest among the 1,000 students of La Constancia School
- Goal: To improve the health status and the educational level of abandoned children and youth in Catia; to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, crime, and violence in the slum of Catia
- Activities: Provision of medical and dental treatment; purchase of medicines, food, clothes, shoes, school books and study material
- Expected Results: Street children and other neglected minors and adolescents in the slum have access to basic health care, nutrition and shelter and are provided with essential clothing items and didactic materials needed for their education
- Total Cost: 8,000 €
- Granted in 2013: 4,004 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Private Donors (Italy)
- Time Frame: December 2013 – January 2014



Tanzania, Morogoro:
Bachelor of Education students in class
at Jordan University College.

ii. Health

Expansion of the Mother Teresa Health Centre for Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients in Lubumbashi, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Lubumbashi, Naviundu District
- Sector: Maternal and Infant Health
- Project Owner: Association Drepanocytaires Parents Amies – Lay Salvatorians
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 8,000 people (5,000 of whom women) most of which affected by drepanocytosis (Sickle Cell Disease – SCD)
- Goal: To reduce the mortality and morbidity of people, in particular of pregnant women and children under five, affected by sickle cell disease
- Activities: Construction and equipment of a new block consisting of a maternity ward, delivery room, pre- and ante-natal rooms, laboratory, blood bank and operating theatre; enlargement of hospitalization area for sickle cell disease patients and creation of a room for transfusions; equipment of new and old premises; hiring of additional skilled personnel; awareness raising activities for the population

D.R. Congo, Lubumbashi: The Mother Teresa Health Centre needs medicine and basic equipment.



- Expected Results: Improved disease prevention and detection; enhanced health-care provision and accessibility; effective clinical, laboratory, diagnostic and imaging facilities; increased life expectancy and quality for SCD-affected patients in the project area; better knowledge about sickle cell disease among the population
- Total Cost: 164,000 €
- Granted in 2013: 100,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Misesan Cara (Ireland)
- Time Frame: 2013 – 2014

What is Sickle Cell Disease?

Sickle-Cell Disease (SCD) is a genetic, life-long blood disorder. It is characterised by red blood cells that contain haemoglobin S (HbS), an abnormal form of the oxygen-carrying protein; they assume a sickle shape, which tend to form clumps and get stuck in the blood vessels. The disease is also characterised by vaso-occlusive crises, causing great bone and joint pain and calling for blood transfusions and ever-stronger analgesics such as opiates.

The prevalence of SCD is highest in regions where malaria is endemic. Of the people affected who do not receive medical treatment, 50% die after less than five years. Survivors suffer multiple organ failures, shortening their lifespan. The majority of SCD patients are children below the age of five.

There is no cure for SCD, but cost-effective therapy exists for managing acute pain syndrome and other aspects of the disease. Key components of this treatment are early interventions with analgesics, antibiotics, rest, good nutrition, folic acid supplementation and high fluid intake. More invasive treatments include blood transfusions and surgery.

There is a strong correlation between maternal and infant care and SCD. In fact, when the disease is detected at a very early stage, the child has better chances to survive. In addition, a vaccination protocol should be strictly followed because an infection may mean death for an SCD-affected child.

In the D.R. Congo, infrastructures for diagnosis and treatment of SCD are scarce to non-existent. Therefore, SOFIA is supporting the construction of a maternal ward for one of the few SCD centres in the country.

Childbirth Sponsorships in Ntita, Congo

- Location: D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kapanga Territory, Ntita
- Sector: Maternal and Infant Health
- Project Owner: Salvatorian Sisters in the D.R. Congo
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: About 1,000 women and 1,500 babies per year
- Goal: To allow more women to give birth in a safe place; to reduce infant and maternal mortality as well as the incidence of the most common diseases among children under five
- Activities: Pre-natal visits; childbirth assistance (natural and caesarean); counseling and screening; vaccination of babies and children under five; training of women on correct hygienic and nutritional practices
- Expected Results: Access to good maternal and paediatric health care for the women of Ntita and surroundings; reduced incidence of infant morbidity thanks to early vaccinations; reduced number of still-born babies; prevention of delivery complications and maternal deaths; improved awareness about pre-delivery screening, safe pregnancy and childbirth among the local population
- Total Cost: 12,000 € per year
- Granted in 2013: 6,508 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Private Donors (Italy)
- Time Frame: Ongoing

Community-Based HIV/AIDS Interventions in Kajiado, Kenya

- Location: Kenya, Rift Valley, Kajiado County
- Sector: HIV/AIDS
- Project Owner: Apostles of Jesus Aids Ministries (AJAM)
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: Over 50,000 poorest of the poor in Kajiado County near Nairobi, such as AIDS orphans and vulnerable children; people living with HIV/AIDS; adolescents; poor households headed by women; 150 leaders and community health workers
- Goal: To provide an integrated response to the HIV/AIDS and poverty crisis in Kenya; prevention of further incidence of the pandemic
- Activities: With focus on prevention, care, support, treatment and rights, activities include psychosocial, medical and

nutritional support for orphans and vulnerable children; support of early childhood and education; home-based care services; food, spiritual support and antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV/AIDS; voluntary counseling and testing; prevention of mother-to-child transmission; training in life skills, sexuality and gender equity for youths; training in entrepreneurship and business management for women and youth; help in formation of saving-groups and women-owned cooperatives; forums with civil, religious and traditional leaders about HIV/AIDS related issues to reduce stigma and combat harmful traditions (female genital mutilation); workshops for community health workers and leaders of self-help groups of people living with HIV/AIDS

D.R. Congo, Ntita: Safe childbirth thanks to the supporters of SOFIA's childbirth sponsorships.



- **Results:** Decreased numbers of HIV infected children; increased number of people seeking prevention and counseling services and consequently early detection and treatment of other sexually transmitted infections; improved access to Anti-Retroviral Therapy and health care; reduced number of new infections and lower rates of HIV transmission among the youth; reduced economic and gender disparities; less violence against women; decreased fear, ignorance and stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS
- **Total Cost:** 176,000 € per year
- **Granted in 2013:** 64,000 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** Private Foundation (Netherlands); Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI) (Italy); Missio Munich (Germany)
- **Time Frame:** Ongoing

Construction of a Mother and Child Hospital, Namiungo, Tanzania

- **Location:** Tanzania, Ruvuma Region, Tunduru District, Namiungo
- **Sector:** Maternal and Infant Health
- **Project Owner:** Salvatorian unit in Tanzania
- **Status:** In execution
- **Beneficiaries:** About 15,000 people, most of them women and children, of Namiungo and the surrounding six villages
- **Goal:** To reduce the incidence of infant and maternal mortality and morbidity in Namiungo area; to reduce the rate of the most common diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS
- **Activities:** Construction and equipment of a mother and child hospital; selection and employment of additional staff; development of a referral system for emergency patients and for women with delivery complications; expanding the screening and treatment capacity of the present dispensary; organisation of training courses for the community health workers and education/awareness camps for the population and for the traditional birth attendants
- **Expected Results:** Enhanced quantity and quality of services for mother and child care and improved access to these services for the rural poor; increased capacity of the present health structure in the management of the most common diseases among children under five and in the referral of emergency patients to other specialised health centres; improved awareness and knowledge level of the local

population regarding basic hygiene and mother and child care with a focus on nutrition and vaccination

- Total Cost: 191,985 €
- Granted in 2013: 109,199 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Miseen Cara (Ireland); Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: August 2013 – August 2014

Tanzania, Morogoro: The construction of new lecture rooms for JUCO University is providing jobs and income for local workers.



iii. Rural Development

Food Security and Income Generation for Local Farmers in Coelho Neto, Brazil

- Location: Brazil, Maranhão State, Coelho Neto, Brejo Diocese, Vila de Fatima
- Sector: Agriculture
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Brazil
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 40 families – members of a local association of farmers living in Vila de Fatima village – that have been recently recognized land-owners; the population of the surrounding villages and of Coelho Neto municipality (about 48,000 in total)

D.R. Congo, ELKAP: Utility poles are being erected to bring green electricity to the remote villages of Kapanga.



- **Goal:** To improve the nutritional and health status of the population by diversifying their diet; to increase the income of the households, so that they will be able to pay for basic services such as education and health care
- **Activities:** Putting in place an integrated programme of self-consumption productivity plus income generating activities, such as fish farming and livestock rearing; introduction of new agricultural techniques (i.e. mandala horticulture); training in marketing awareness and management techniques
- **Expected Results:** Increased food supply and improved local diet; improved health and higher income for 40 farmer families in one of the poorest regions of Brazil
- **Total Cost:** 126,665 €
- **Granted in 2013:** 80,026 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI) (Italy)
- **Time Frame:** 2014

ELKAP – Rural Electrification of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita, Congo

- **Location:** D.R. Congo, Katanga Province, Kapanga Territory
- **Sector:** Green Energy and Rural Electrification
- **Project Owner:** Salvatorian unit in the D.R. Congo
- **Status:** In execution
- **Beneficiaries:** The 45,000 inhabitants of Kapanga, Musumba and Ntita
- **Goal:** To reduce poverty and hunger through access to renewable energy
- **Activities:** Provide the rural territory of Kapanga with a sure, stable and green energy supply by building and implementing a small hydro-energy power plant with a capacity of 250 kW and an electricity distribution network
- **Expected Results:** Stimulated local economic and social development through an increased reliability of basic infrastructure and enhanced information and communication services; improved local population's awareness of the potential and advantages of renewable resources; reduced dependence on fossil energy resources and consequent environmental damage; promotion of multi-stakeholder cooperation and a strengthened role of civil society and the local population for rural development
- **Total Cost:** 1,404,267 €
- **Granted in 2013:** 354,212 €
- **Sponsors in 2013:** European Commission
- **Time Frame:** 2011 – 2014

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iv. Pastoral Projects

Mass Intentions as Support for Pastoral and Social Work

- Location: Africa and Asia
- Sector: Socio-Pastoral Work
- Project Owner: Salvatorian units in Africa and Asia
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 139 priests in Africa and Asia; their parishes and the local communities (about 300,000 people); up to 45,000 individuals for whom the Mass intentions are celebrated each year
- Goal: To sustain the social-pastoral activities of the Salvatorians in the developing world
- Activities: Prayers for people in spiritual, psychological and physical need
- Expected Results: The sustained priests are able to dedicate their time and energy entirely to their pastoral and social work in favour of the poor and marginalized
- Granted in 2013: 42,650 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Dioceses (Germany); Private Donors (Germany); Sanctuaries (Switzerland, Germany)
- Time Frame: Ongoing

Construction of a Pre-Noviciate Formation House in Ndikinimeki, Cameroon

- Location: Cameroon, Centre Region, Ndikinimeki
- Sector: Pastoral Work
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in Cameroon
- Status: In preparation
- Beneficiaries: 16 students and 4 resident formators; up to 200 students over the following 25 years
- Goal: To promote religious vocations in Cameroon through the construction of a pre-noviciate
- Activities: Construction of a formation house
- Expected Results: An adequate infrastructure to accommodate and teach young people willing to join religious life and to prepare them for further studies
- Total Cost: 190,971 €
- Granted in 2013: 100,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: 2014 – 2015

Restoration of the Roof of the 100 year old Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Laitkynsew, India

- Location: North East India, State of Meghalaya, Laitkynsew
- Sector: Pastoral Work
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in India
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: The 36 villages of the Parish with their 1,760 families and a total of 7,860 Catholics
- Goal: To maintain a reliable reference point for the local community; to stimulate and to strengthen the interreligious and interethnic dialogue in one of the two least-developed states of North East India
- Activities: Dismantling and rebuilding of the roof
- Expected Results: Conservation of the 100 year old church
- Total Cost: 28,600 €
- Granted in 2013: 28,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Church in Need (Germany); Salvatoriaanse Hulpactie (Belgium)
- Time Frame: February 2013 – April 2014

India, Laitkynsew: Repair of the 100 year old Ss. Peter & Paul Church.



Salvatorian Religious Formation in India and the Philippines

- Location: The SDS expansion units in Bangalore, Shillong, Tokobari, Warangal (India); Manila, Quezon City, Talon (Philippines)
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian units in India and the Philippines
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: 200 young Salvatorians in various stages of their formation (candidacy, postulancy, noviciate, philosophy, theology) in India and in the Philippines
- Goal: To prepare candidate-members of the Society of the Divine Saviour in India and the Philippines for their delicate task of working in challenging parishes, of living their charisma of apostles and of inviting lay people to become apostles by helping them to make their belief mature
- Activities: Provision of funds for daily living expenses as well as for study material and school fees
- Results: Formation of future Salvatorians
- Granted in 2013: 70,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Private Donors (UK, Ireland)
- Time Frame: January 2012 – December 2013

Repair of the Roof of the Salvatorian Theology Study House in Quezon City, Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Quezon City, Father Otto Hopfenmüller House
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the Philippines
- Status: Finished
- Beneficiaries: Salvatorian Theology students (12 per year) and their formators
- Goal: To improve the present state of the Father Otto Hopfenmüller House
- Activities: Cleaning of all existing roofing and all accessories; checking and repair of leaks; repainting of existing roofing and accessories
- Results: A fully functioning study house
- Total Cost: 4,795 €
- Granted in 2013: 4,300 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Archdiocese of Munich (Germany)
- Time Frame: October 2013 – November 2013



India, Bangalore: Fr. Selvanathan of the Salvatorians is assisting locals to cope with bureaucracy.

Libraries for Two Salvatorian Study Houses in the Philippines

- Location: Philippines, Talon and Quezon City, New Manila
- Sector: Pastoral-educational
- Project Owner: Salvatorian unit in the Philippines
- Status: In execution
- Beneficiaries: 6 Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers; 50 students; about 300 future students
- Goal: To enable Salvatorian students, Fathers and Brothers to study and teach in adequate conditions and gain a suitable theological, philosophical and general background for their mission
- Activities: Selection and acquisition of philosophy and theology books and manuals; construction of shelves and cabinets
- Expected Results: Fully equipped libraries
- Total Cost: 10,195 €
- Granted in 2013: 10,000 €
- Sponsors in 2013: Archdiocese of Freiburg (Germany)
- Time Frame: January 2014 – September 2014

VI. Other Forms of Salvatorian Solidarity

In addition to SOFIA, the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers are involved in several other solidarity actions, the most important one being budget support for developing Salvatorian units.

In fact, the Salvatorian units in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin-America receive budget support to help cover their living expenses, initial formation, and ministerial activities. This involves 550 Salvatorians living and ministering in Albania, Byelorussia, Cameroon, China, the Comoros Islands, Czech Republic, the D.R. Congo, Hungary, India, Mexico, Montenegro, Mozambique, the Philippines, Russia, Slovakia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Ukraine. The amount (in 2013 1,358,024 €) comes from four sources: Salvatorian development offices in various countries, Mass intentions, donations from Salvatorian units, and grants from the Society's international funds.

BUDGET SUPPORT FOR DEVELOPING UNITS		
Through the Salvatorian Development Offices	€	739,500
Austria	€	37,000
Belgium	€	137,500
Germany	€	210,000
Poland	€	115,000
Switzerland	€	50,000
USA	€	190,000
Through Mass Intentions	€	108,524
Through Salvatorian Provinces	€	150,000
Belgium	€	100,000
Spain	€	50,000
Through the International Funds of the Society	€	360,000
Salvatorian Project Fund	€	200,000
Salvatorian Formation Fund	€	110,000
Salvatorian Solidarity Fund	€	50,000
Total	€	1,358,024



Italian volunteers supporting SOFIA during a concert in Rome for slum children in Caracas.



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